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They Therefore Decide upon a Statement Satisfactory All Around.

Which Document Is Read in Executive Session and Recorded.

The Whole Trouble Said to Be the Result of Mutual Misapprehension.

Failure of the Democrats to Set Their Investigation Mill in Motion.

Adjournment of Both Houses of Congress Till Jan. 10.

CONKLING---GORDON.

ALL IS PEACE AGAIN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Gordon-Conkling difficulty is settled without a duel, but there are many in Washington who know the affair came very near having a serious termination. It seems impossible to believe it, but, unless those who should be best informed are mistaken, the National Capital has only escaped a scene which would have carried us back to the days of the chivalry. Inasmuch as the cause of the difference originated in secret session, the proceedings of which Senators, by their pledge of honor, are not permitted to divulge, there can be no authoritative statement of the cause of the difficulty, but it is well ascertained, and not denied by the principal actors, that the statement in these dispatches last night represented in substance

THE ACTUAL OCCURRENCE.

Careful inquiry to-day shows that the affair did not possess those extra Senatorial features which have been ascribed to it in many quarters. There are differences as to the exact nature of the provocation. Some say that Senator Gordon answered that he would settle the difficulty in the Senate Chamber or elsewhere, and said this in an offensive and excited tone. Several Senators say to-day, however, that Gordon, in a tone somewhat under his breath, simply said that "We will settle it, at all events."

Senator Gordon and his friends consider that an affront had been put upon that Senator, and that, unless what they call reparation due to a gentleman should be made, a resort would be had

TO THE CODE,

unless it should be discovered that Senator Conkling would not recognize the revival of that monstrous system, and would turn the challenger over to the Police Court. Negotiations were on foot late last night. Everything was very secret, but the following is a resume of the current gossip: Senator Gordon was closeted at his hotel during the entire evening with Senator Lamar and other personal friends. It was a serious matter with them. There was no vapor of swagger or play of pistol about it. Senator Gordon is a man of metal, bred in the Southern school of honor, and it now seems probable would have been very likely to have

SENT A CHALLENGE.

Senator Conkling, meanwhile, at his hotel, was also engaged with friends, among whom are reported to have been Senator Jones, of Nevada, an intimate personal friend, and Gen. Phil Sheridan, as military expert, together with one or two Southern gentlemen friendly both to Conkling and Gordon, and familiar with the rules and etiquette which govern the code. This consultation, of course, was considered as the most confidential, but it is reported that to one of the Southern gentlemen Senator Conkling said that he did not believe in the accursed system of duels or any of the barbarisms associated with slave institutions, but that he had made it a principle if he had put an affront upon a man he should meet that man and answer him upon his own ground. Senator Conkling is said to have caused it distinctly to be known that he would

SIGN NO WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE

of any challenge, but that whatever obligations his friends might determine that the circumstances placed upon him he should, as a man, meet. This communication to these Southern gentlemen was evidently satisfactory, and was doubtless communicated to Senator Gordon, or to Senator Lamar, who acted as Gen. Gordon's confidential friend and adviser. The position of Conkling was understood by the Gordon side to be that, protesting against the barbarism of of duels, he (Conkling), if needs be, was not the man to shrink from any responsibilities which his words had brought upon him, and that he would not avail himself of any technicality, or, should any communication be made to him turn the sender or the bringer of the message over to the ministers of criminal justice.

The rumor circulated quite freely here to-day that Conkling sought the course of quarrel

TO SECURE A CHALLENGE

and turn the challenger over to justice, most certainly had no foundation. Mr. Conkling's friends claim for him that, however men may differ from him politically, all must consider him a man of courage and of honor.

Meantime, Senators Lamar and Gordon are represented to have decided upon their course, and Lamar is reported to have called upon Senator Conkling, although this is denied, and to have handed a communication said to be couched in the language of the code. It undoubtedly resembled a preliminary cartel; but its existence is denied. It was not a challenge technically or legally, but it was a private note stating that Senator Gordon felt himself aggrieved; that he could not allow the matter to stop there, and that he felt it necessary to

ASK SOME REPARATION.

The communication was not a challenge, nor was it intended as such, but it evidently was intended as the forerunner of a possible challenge. This morning there were the wildest rumors that Senator Gordon had sent a note to Conkling telling him he was beyond the District, ready to meet him at a certain place. The report was unfounded. It is certain that Gordon was in the Senate Chamber, as was Conkling. This morning the friends of both parties sought to effect a compromise, and Senators Hamlin and Howe, rep-

resenting Conkling, and Senators Ransom and McDonald, representing Senator Gordon, met as a volunteer

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION.

They had their conference in the room of the Committee on Library, and a special messenger was placed to guard the room. The result of the deliberation of the Committee were satisfactory to Senator Lamar on behalf of Senator Gordon and Senator Jones acting for Senator Conkling. The result of this conference was the preamble and resolution agreed to in secret session, ordered spread upon the legislative records of the Senate, and furnished to the Associated Press. That agreement sets forth that the difficulties arose over mutual misapprehension and misunderstanding.

The secret session, unlike an executive session, was something to which recourse has not been had

FOR MANY YEARS.

Senator Thurman called for the session under the 64th Rule of the Senate, which is as follows:

On a motion made and seconded to shut the door of the Senate on the discussion of any business which may, in the opinion of a Senator, require secrecy, the presiding officer shall direct the gallery to be cleared, and during the discussion of such motion the doors shall remain shut.

This rule was first adopted in February, 1797, and the Senate for over twelve years after the organization of the Government never conducted any business in public.

INTERVIEWERS BAFFLED.

The most persistent attempts of interviewers, whether in the person of representatives of the press or of Senators, have failed to-night to obtain either from Senators Conkling or Gordon any authorized statement of the affair. From Gen. Gordon in person it is learned that, in view of the settlement, he considers that it would be improper for him to say anything on the subject more than is contained in the paper made public by the Senate to-day. An intimate personal friend of Senator Conkling states that he (Conkling) entertains precisely the same view. From official sources, therefore, the public is obliged to content itself with the agreement entered into by the representatives of the two gentlemen spread upon the records of the legislative proceedings and furnished to the press. From other sources, which are both friendly to Senator Gordon and just, it is said, to Senator Conkling,

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

is obtained: In executive session, after the case of the Georgia Internal-Revenue Collector, Wade, had been confirmed, Gen. Gordon proposed to move that Spencer, of Alabama, report the case of Smith, who was nominated for Collector of Mobile, in which case there had been an adverse report which had been assigned to Spencer's charge. Spencer was holding the report back. While Gordon was in the act of speaking, and while making this motion, Conkling called out loudly, "Go on with the calendar!" Gordon immediately said, "Mr. President, the Senator from New York is not in the Chair, but he orders the Chair to go on with the calendar." Several names had been called for action, when Gordon made this remark. Senator Conkling sprang to his feet after Gordon's remark, and

ASKED WHAT GORDON HAD SAID ABOUT HIM.

Gordon immediately repeated the language. Conkling then said, "If the Senator from Georgia says that I ordered the Chair to go on with the calendar, he states what is not true." Gordon replied, "Very well. We will settle that hereafter." Conkling retorted, "We will settle it here," and repeated what he said before. Gordon then again said, "We will not settle it here but elsewhere."

AT A LATER STAGE

and in the executive session, Judge Thurman, speaking of this unfortunate occurrence, said that he hoped it could be settled without further difficulty. He had no doubt that the harsh words used by both Senators came from misapprehension of each other's purpose. He did not suppose there was any intentional affront, and hoped that each would make explanations, and that nothing more would heard of it. Mr. Hamlin spoke in the same pacific direction, but neither Gordon nor Conkling said anything, and remained in their seats.

The following are

THE PROCEEDINGS

which followed the adjournment as ascertained from at least a semi-official source: Immediately after the adjournment several Senators, acting without consultation with their principals, Gordon and Conkling, undertook, as the code says, to compose the difficulty. They met for that purpose at the Capitol. These persons were Hamlin and Howe on the part of Conkling, and Ransom and McDonald on the part of Gordon. They sat until an hour past midnight last night, and agreed to meet at 11 o'clock this morning to consider the matter. They reassembled at 11, and a very adroit statement was agreed upon, which was entirely satisfactory to the friends of both Senators. This statement

WAS FORMALLY ACCEPTED

by Conkling and Gordon, and was brought into the Senate and read there. Many of the reports which have appeared have greatly exagerated the scene and the language of the executive session. Some of them are regarded by Gen. Gordon's friends as very unjust to him, but they do not deem any particular refutation necessary. The matter having been settled, it appears that it would be against the etiquette of the code to say anything now.

The friends of Gen. Gordon say that the reports that any communication was exchanged between the parties, or sent or received by either, either of a direct or an indirect character, are

WHOLLY UNFOUNDED.

No communication passed. Efforts for peace were immediately begun by gentlemen whose character was a guarantee that a settlement would be arrived at. It is certain that Phil Sheridan and Senator Jones, of Nevada, were Conkling's special counselors, but neither of these gentlemen will make any statements upon the subject.

AN UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE.

To the Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—It seems that the official entry made to-day in the Senate proceedings regarding the affair between Senators Conkling and Gordon is the first entry of the kind that has been made since a like action was taken in regard to the celebrated affair between Senators Poindexter and Forsyth which was similarly arranged by the agency of Henry Clay over forty years ago.

Senators Conkling and Gordon have declined to converse on the subject. No communication, oral or written, passed between them. Certain Senators immediately after the occurrence began the business of adjustment, and Senators Hamlin and Ransom were especially judicious in arranging the matter. Senators Gordon and Conkling were not in the Senate chamber when the settlement was reported.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Whatever may be said to the contrary, it is certain that the President has no intention of making any change in his Cabinet, and if Secretary Evarts has contemplated resigning his position this is not known at the White House. The President is also firm in his position as regards Senatorial opposition, and does not contemplate any change in his policy.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD SCHEMES.

The Committee on the Pacific Railroad has appointed Sub-Committees. The Texas & Pacific and Southern Pacific were referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Throckmorton, House, Morrison, Chalmers, Luttrell, O'Neil, and Cole. Of these four favor Tom Scott's scheme and three oppose it. The bill providing for the survey of a railroad from Austin to a point on the Gulf of California, in Mexico, was referred to Luttrell, Landers, Blair, Cole, and Throckmorton. The Mexican Government is said to have given permission for the survey, and the reason assigned for asking the appropriation is that the road would be many hundred miles shorter than any other that could be constructed from New York to the Pacific tide water.

COMMISSIONER TO THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

To the Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 15.—Gov. McCormick, in executive session, was unanimously confirmed Commissioner-General to the Paris Exposition.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

The Treasury now holds $345,563,350 in bonds to secure National bank circulation, and $14,288,000 to secure public deposits. United States bonds deposited for circulation for the week ending to-day, $975,000; United States bonds held for circulation withdrawn during the week ending to-day, $656,000 National Bank circulation, outstanding currency notes, $320,306,104; gold notes, $1,432,120; internal revenue receipts, $30,097,921; customs receipts, $363,363; receipts of national bank notes for the week ending to-day compared with the corresponding period of last year: 1874, $3,631,000; 1877, $4,377,000. Receipts to-day, $666,000.

THE RECORD.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Mr. Butler submitted a resolution for the investigation of the discharge of the Committee on Privileges and Elections from consideration of his credentials at the extra session, but Mr. Cameron (Wis.) objected, on the ground that the resolution was a violation of the agreement not to transact new business, and after an animated discussion the resolution went over.

During the reading of the Journal a message was received from the House announcing that the Speaker had signed a number of bills, among them the Deficiency Appropriation bill, all of which were immediately signed by the Vice-President.

Mr. Cockrell said it had been his intention to offer resolutions of respect to the memory of his late colleague (Bogy) before the holiday recess; but, after consultation with Senators, it had been thought best to defer the matter until after the holidays. He now gave notice that on Wednesday, Jan. 16, he would submit such resolutions for consideration.

A motion to go into executive session was declared also to be against the agreement, but subsequently Mr. Thurman said there was a matter which he had been informed would be brought to the attention of the Senate, and he moved that the doors be closed under Rule 64. Agreed to unanimously.

Rule 64 provides that, on a motion made and seconded to close the doors of the Senate on the discussion of any business which may in the opinion of the Senators require secrecy, the presiding officer shall direct the galleries to be cleared, and during the discussion of such motion the doors shall remain closed.

This motion was submitted for the purpose of considering the difficulty between Messrs. Conkling and Gordon in executive session yesterday, and, after the doors were reopened, the following paper was made public:

During the secret session, Mr. Hamlin offered the following, which was unanimously agreed to:

WHEREAS, A misunderstanding having arisen between the Hon. Roscoe Conkling and the Hon. John B. Gordon in the course of the executive proceedings of the Senate yesterday, and mutual understandings thereon having been arrived at, as set out in the following paper, it is ordered that said paper be entered at large on the legislative journal of the Senate:

During an executive session of the Senate held yesterday words were uttered both by Senator Gordon, of Georgia, and by Senator Conkling, of New York, which were mutually felt to be unkind and offensive. Reports of the incident appear in the papers of this morning which are inaccurate and unjust to both speakers. Upon careful inquiry as to what was said by each speaker, and what was understood to be said by the other, it is certain that the first offensive words were inspired by an honest misunderstanding of what had been innocently said by the other speaker. One harsh remark provoked another, as too often happens, but all that was offensive was the outgrowth of misapprehension. Since such was the fact, we, who are the mutual friends of both Senators, are of opinion that it is due alike to the Senate and the speakers that whatever was felt to be unkind or offensive in the remarks of either should be treated as if never uttered, and, we are now authorized to state, are mutually and simultaneously withdrawn.

(Signed) H. HAMLIN,
M. W. RANSOM,
TIMOTHY O. HOWE,
J. E. MCDONALD.

Dec. 15, 1877.

The Senate then adjourned until Jan. 10, 1878.

HOUSE.

The Democratic side, under the lead of Mr. Wood, has been endeavoring all day to force a vote on the resolution for wholesale investigations, while the Republican side has shown an equal amount of determination to prevent a vote.

A number of points of order having been forced and discussed, the Speaker intimated that all these efforts were unavailing.

Mr. Wood finally got the floor, but had not proceeded far when Mr. Conger interposed a point of order that, as the resolution involved the expenditure of money, it must receive its first consideration in Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker sustained the point of order, and Mr. Wood moved to commit the resolution to the Committee of the Whole.

On a rising vote there were 95 in the affirmative and none in the negative. This showed no quorum, and a vote by tellers affirmed it.

Attention being called to the fact of Republicans not voting, Mr. Wright asked whether there was not a rule which required members to vote who were present.

The Speaker replied that there was, but there was no way of enforcing it. [Laughter.]

A motion to adjourn was defeated—yeas, 29; nays, 144.

Dilatory motions were continued until 3:30, when Mr. Mills moved to postpone until the 10th of January.

Mr. Wood said the majority desired a fair, honest, impartial investigation, such as the people demanded, and no party could defend itself in opposition.

Mr. Townsend (N. Y.)—We shall have to bear it.

Mr. Wood—If it be the unanimous desire of the House that this question be postponed till the 10th of January, I shall of course yield to the inevitable. Whatever be the result to-day, I shall persist from hour to hour, from day to day, and from month to month, until the House finally adopts the resolution which I have reported.

Mr. Conger—We shall be here during those hours, and days, and months. [Laughter.]

The question was taken on Mr. Mills' motion to postpone, and it was agreed to without a division.

Mr. Schleicher, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, offered a resolution authorizing the Committee to sit during the recess in the investigation of the Mexican border trouble. Adopted.

The Committee early in the day delegated this duty to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Schleicher, Forney, and Williams of Wisconsin.

Mr. Banning, Chairman of the Military Committee, asked unanimous consent to giving the same rights to that Committee, but objection was made, and the objection was also made to the request of Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, that unanimous consent be given authorizing sub-committees to visit during the recess Chicago, Pittsburg, St. Louis, Louisville, Detroit, and Cleveland and ascertain the wants and requirements of the public service in relation to public buildings in those cities.

The Senate amendments to the Post-route bill were taken up and concurred in.

Resolutions to pay extra employes in the Door-keeper's Department were offered, discussed, and agreed to, and the House adjourned until Jan. 10.

CASUALTIES.

BRIDGE ACCIDENT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 15.—An accident occurred at the Rock Island bridge this morning which will interfere with the passage of trains for a day or two. The railroad deck of the bridge is above the wagon road, and a single span of 100 feet, known as the Island shore span, connects the upper portion of the bridge with the high embankment of the railroad on the Island, its end resting on an abutment of Joliet stone. A freight train was passing west, in the rear of the caboose of which was attached a wrecking-car with a high derrick on it. There having been some doubt whether the derrick would enter the bridge, the conductor, John McFarland, took position on the roof of the caboose to give the signal to stop or continue, but if the signal was given, it was not seen by the engineer, who was separated from the Conductor by twenty-five cars, and the boom of the derrick struck the sheets of the bridge and bent it in, whereupon the chords drew the posts together at the top, and the result was that the span sagged sufficiently to draw the end off the abutment, and it went to the ground, a distance of thirteen feet, sending the iron and utterly demoralizing the first three panels, while the remaining five, slanting downward from the bridge proper, are in perfect condition, the joints not even showing a scratch. The caboose, a freight-car, and the wrecking-car went down with the Island shore span, fortunately without injury to those within the caboose. The first two were readily hauled up on the bridge and taken to Davenport, and the other was cleared away to-night.

McFarland, the conductor, was fatally injured. He was swept from the caboose and was found insensible on the floor of the bridge, his head, face, and forehead badly cut, and his spine probably broken. He was taken to his home in Davenport, and a report of his death is current here at 9 p. m.

The five panels are to be raised and supported, and the three damaged panels replaced with trestle-work, so that trains can pass over in safety by noon on Monday.

FATAL BLAST.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 15.—A terrible accident occurred yesterday on Red Elephant Mountain, at the Boulder Nest Mine, where two men were fatally hurt by a premature blast. Their names are Charles Morrell and Henry Anderson.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Receiver of the National Trust Company posted a notice to-day stating that he felt sure the depositors would soon be paid in full, and may safely count on a dividend of at least 50 per cent as soon as the legal forms can be complied with.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—S. M. Bixby & Co., a blacking manufacturing firm, has suspended. Liabilities, $145,000; assets, $94,000.

OBITUARY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Jacob Grau, a well-remembered impresario, died in this city yesterday, aged 60 years.

HAVANA, Dec. 15.—Senor Verger, the impresario of the Italian opera troupe here, died last night of yellow-fever.

FOREIGN.

An Account of Osman's Reception by the Russian Commanders.

The Metchka Fight Simply a Series of Heavy Skirmishes.

Substance of the Porte's Appeal to the Powers for Intervention.

Elena Evacuated and Burned by the Retreating Turks.

Servian Troops Cross the Frontier in Considerable Numbers.

The French Chambers Virtually Indorse the New Cabinet.

Gambetta's Organ Speaks in High Praise of MacMahon's Message.

OSMAN PASHA.

HIS RECEPTION BY THE RUSSIAN COMMANDERS.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A correspondent at Plevna telegraphs concerning Osman Pasha's reception by the Russians: The Grand Duke Nicholas rode up to Osman's carriage, and for some seconds the two chiefs gazed into each other's faces without the utterance of a word. Then the Grand Duke stretched out his hand, shook the hand of Osman Pasha heartily, and said, "I compliment you on your defense of Plevna. It is one of the most splendid military feats in history." Osman smiled sadly, rose painfully to his feet in spite of his wound and said something which I could not hear. He then reseated himself. The Russian officers

ALL CRIED "BRAVO! BRAVO!"

repeatedly, and all saluted respectfully. There was not one among them who did not gaze on the hero of Plevna with the gravest admiration and sympathy.

Prince Charles, of Roumania, who had arrived, rode up and repeated unwittingly almost every word of the Grand Duke, and shook hands with Osman, who again rose, and bowed this time in grim silence. He wore a loose blue cloak with no apparent mark on it to designate his rank, and a red fez.

He is a large, strongly-built man. The lower part of his face is covered with a short, black beard without a streak of gray, and he has a large Roman nose and black eyes.

"It is a grand face," exclaimed Col. Gaillard, the French military attache. "I was almost afraid of seeing him lest my expectation should be disappointed, but be more than fulfills my ideal. It is the face of a great military chieftain." Said young Skobeleff, "I am glad to have seen him. Osman Ghazi he is, and Osman the victorious he will remain in spite of his surrender."

ARMY NOTES.

WAITING.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A Plevna correspondent telegraphs that he believes the Russians will not advance immediately, but await the effect of the fall of that place. The heavy guns on the Sophia road, between Plevna and the River Vid, have been hauled back.

OSMAN'S ACCOUNT.

BUCHAREST, Dec. 15.—Osman Pasha has sent a short telegram to the Porte, stating that he had not received reinforcements or provisions, but nevertheless resisted as long as possible. Finally, he made an attempt to force a passage through the Russian lines of investment, in which the Turkish troops, despite their valor, were unsuccessful, and he himself was taken prisoner.

THE METCHKA FIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A correspondent with Grand Duke Vladimir shows that the Metchka affair was confined to skirmishes and cavalry, with some field-artillery practice. He thinks the Turks may have lost 1,000 men altogether, as they were much exposed, but the Russian loss was insignificant. The Russian force on the field was three brigades. The Turks were driven across the River Lom. Their intrenchments on the west bank are now in the possession of the Russians.

ELENA EVACUATED AND BURNED.

BOGOT, Dec. 15.—The Turks burned and evacuated Elena Friday, and the Russians reoccupied it.

THE SERVIAN ARMY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15.—The Servians crossed the frontier at Pirot, and are marching on Kossova.

Mehemet Ali has arrived here.

IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

THE PORTE'S APPEAL.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Constantinople dispatch says: The circular note dispatched by the Porte to the signatories of the treaty of 1871 commences by a statement that the origin of the present important events is perfectly known, the Imperial Government having done nothing to provoke war. It has done everything to avoid it, and has vainly sought to discover Russia's motives in her aggressive campaign. The Porte has shown a desire for improvement by the reorganization of its judicial system, and devising reforms, without distinction of race or religion, according to the Constitution, which has everywhere been well received. Partial reform is of no avail. The adoption of improvements in one part of the Empire only would be a premium to other communities to revolt. Any doubts as to the execution of these reforms should disappear before the solemn declarations the Porte now makes. A state of war simply retards such reforms and is disastrous to the country generally, destroying agricultural interests, killing industry, and ruining financial reorganization. Independently of these arrangements for reform, what reason can there be for continuing the war? Russia has declared that she is not animated by a spirit of conquest. The military honor of both sides must be abundantly satisfied. What object can there be in prolonging a contest ruinous to both countries? The moment has arrived for the belligerent Powers to accept peace. Without affecting their dignity, Europe might now usefully interpose her good offices, since the Porte is ready to come to terms. The country is not at the end of its resources, and is still prepared to fight in its own defense. It is ready, moreover, to sacrifice all for the independence and integrity of the fatherland, but the Porte is desirous to stop the further effusion of blood, and therefore appeals to the feelings of justice which must animate the Great Powers, hoping they will receive these overtures favorably.

VARIOUS.

PRINCE MILAN'S PROCLAMATION.

SEMLIN, Dec. 15.—Prince Milan's proclamation recounts the Turkish atrocities and violations of faith since the treaty of peace made last February, and concludes as follows: Let us move forward alongside of the victorious banner of the Czar, the liberator, with a Christian faith in God, the protector of right, and success is sure.

Given in the name of our country's welfare, Servia's independence and her heroic people. It is God's will. (Signed)

MILAN, Obrenvitch.

A CHRISTIAN PRESIDENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15.—The Chamber of Deputies have elected a Christian President.

FRANCE.

MINISTER SAY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Leon Say, Minister of Finance, proposed a convocation of the Councils-General for Dec. 21, and for the Councils of Arrondissements for the 19th. He said it would be impossible to vote the entire budget, and he therefore proposed that the Chamber vote the four direct taxes. He hoped the Chamber would authorize the collection of other items of revenue according to existing laws. The Government asked for a credit of 29,500,000 francs to cover two months. This vote would indicate the Chamber's confidence in the Government, and he trusted the Chamber would not refuse it.

The Chamber then voted urgency on two bills, in conformity with the foregoing statement, which were referred to the Budget Committee. The Committee thereupon proceeded to deliberate on them in bureaux. Later in the day the Budget Committee reported favorably on Say's propositions.

Jolibois, on behalf of the Bonapartists, stated he would support M. Say's recommendations, but not as expressing confidence in the Ministry.

The Duke de la Rochefoucauld Bisaccia made a similar statement on behalf of the Legitimists.

M. Say replied that the Government never thought of taking a vote of confidence on the budget, which would be unparliamentary.

The Chamber then voted the bills.

GAMBETTA'S ORGAN.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The *Republique Francaise*, Gambetta's organ, considers President MacMahon's message is frankly Republican in tone and consonant with the true doctrine of national sovereignty. The same journal highly eulogizes Gen. Borel, the new Minister of War.

FOREIGN FINANCE.

THE LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The *Economist* says: Russian stocks rose nearly 2 per cent on the fall of Plevna, but immediately lost much of the rise, and the stock markets generally fell instead of advancing. A new set of preoccupations then arose regarding the terms of peace should the fall of Plevna lead to negotiations for a settlement of the Eastern question. Turkish stock naturally suffered under the effect of the week's reverses and the Servian declaration of war. Much alarm was raised in the American market by a special dispatch to the *Times*, dated Dec. 11, saying that agitation for the payment of the debt in silver had been revived, and giving the substance of Senator Matthews' concurrent resolution. The effect of this news was to depress prices 1 per cent. The demand for money continued good this week. The rate for three months' bank bills is 3⅛ per cent. On sixty-day bills the rate is 3⅝ per cent, and money for short periods reaching into the new year is in demand in every form.

MISCELLANY.

GEN. GRANT.

GENOA, Dec. 15.—Ex-President Grant reached here yesterday in the United States steamer Vandalia, and visited the town during the day, and afterwards received the authorities on board the steamer. He sailed for Leghorn to-day.

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The Italian Chamber of Deputies, on a demand of the Ministers for a vote of confidence, gave a feeble majority, amounting really to a defeat.

GERMAN LOANS.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The *Economist* says the subscription to the new issue of £2,500,000 Prussian 4 per cent consols, at 93¾ this week, show that as much as 287,000,000 marks was applied for. A German national loan of £2,500,000 is stated to be in preparation for funding Treasury bills which have been put in circulation for the purpose of carrying the currency reform through.

INDIA.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15.—The British expeditionary force against the predatory Naga tribes has occupied their principal village.

FIRES.

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY.

The college building of the Lake Forest University, a handsome four-story structure of considerable size, was burnt to the ground at an early hour yesterday morning, and there is too much reason for believing that the fire was caused by an incendiary. This supposition is strengthened by the fact that early Friday morning flames were discovered issuing from the basement in a room used as an ice-house, and containing a quantity of sawdust. This fire was extinguished with slight loss, and two students were appointed to watch the building Friday night. The second fire originated in the cupola, about 6 o'clock in the morning, a time when no person had a right to be in that part of the building.

The college was built about five years ago, and was originally designed for a hotel. It was erected by the Lake Forest Land Company, of which Gen. Anson Stager, the Hon. C. B. Farwell, George L. Dunlap, Henry L. Pearsons, and W. V. Kay were stockholders, and its cost was between $50,000 and $70,000. The furniture cost nearly $20,000, and the design was to make a first-class suburban hotel. Mr. Burrell, present proprietor of the Clifton House, assumed the management, but summer hotels proved a drug in market. The scheme failed, and ultimately the whole outfit was turned over to the authorities of the University, who held a $40,000 mortgage on the premises and grounds. In September, 1876, it was first occupied as a college, few alterations being made in the internal arrangements.

The building was a four-story frame, with brick basement, a mansard-roof, and cupola. It was situated in a large park, the only building near it being the laundry, which was fortunately saved. The college was supplied with water by an artesian well, but there was neither hose nor appliances for throwing a stream, and the efforts of the spectators, nearly everybody in the village being on the ground, were confined to saving the furniture and library. More than half of the former and nearly all the books were removed to a place of safety, the boys working with a will. By 8 o'clock the fire, which at first progressed slowly, had nearly consumed the building, and an hour later the destruction was complete. The upper story was not occupied, the College, which can accommodate over 100 students, having only about twenty in residence. The fall term ends Thursday next. During the vacation arrangements will be made for the future. Meantime the students will get a few days extra holiday.

Lake Forest University, though non-sectarian in its character, is practically under the control of the Presbyterians, the Synod of Northern Illinois nominating a Visiting Committee. The faculty of the College consisted of Prof. Hewett and Prof. Morris, the Academy being under the direction of Prof. Albert R. Sabin, and the Seminary under that of the Rev. R. W. Patterson, D. D. The operations of the two last-named institutions will not be interfered with by the disaster, and in all probability the corporation, which includes in its membership many wealthy and prominent citizens, will at once take steps to repair the damage.

The insurance on the building amounts to $15,000. Of this the British American Company, of Toronto, Can.; the Safeguard, of New York; Underwriters' Association, of New York; Alliance, of Boston, and Relief, of New York, each carried $2,500.

The college authorities have rented the Dickinson Home for recitation-rooms until such time as new buildings can be erected. There will be little delay about rebuilding the college premises, and no interruption will occur to the course of studies.

OVATED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 15.—Gen. Charles E. Furlong, who has been absent for some months, and who during his absence was re-elected to the State Senate from this (Warren) County for the long term, received an ovation here on the occasion of his return. He was serenaded to-night. Toasts were drank and speeches made by prominent citizens. Gen. Furlong is a Northern man, an ex-Union soldier, and was re-elected by a handsome majority of the white voters, notwithstanding some very bitter opposition. Chief among those to give him a hearty welcome was his late opponent, Capt. W. K. Spears.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP NEWS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Arrived, steamship Nederland, from Antwerp.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

A Scheme to Lynch the Outlaw Rande Happily Frustrated.

Three Hundred Men Enlist for the Purpose, but Give Up the Job.

Account of the Lynching of the Negro Alexander at Murfreesboro.

Murder of a Sergeant by a Private Soldier Near Cheyenne.

The Murderer Lynched in Camp on the Same Night by His Comrades.

RANDE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 15.—Notice of the existence of a plot in the eastern part of the county to take the outlaw Rande from jail and lynch him was received by Sheriff Berggren last evening. The notice was received by letter from one of the most reliable men at Gilson, and immediate steps were taken by the Sheriff to thwart any such attempt. A strong guard was placed within the jail and watch kept all night, but there was no demonstration. No particulars of the scheme have been obtained. The movement was first set on foot last Tuesday after the continuance was granted. The knots of men talking on the streets in the afternoon of that day had this sole purpose in view, and before they left the city a preliminary organization was made. Six men, residents of the townships in the immediate vicinity of the murder, were made special committees. Each was charged with the duty of enlisting fifty men for the work. Enrollment was made of citizens living even in the extreme northeastern part of the county, and the required number, 300, was obtained on Thursday night. Last night was to be the time of attack, and Knoxville, four miles east of Galesburg, the place of rendezvous. The time and place were thoroughly understood by all engaged in the plan, and about dusk last evening the men commenced to drop into Knoxville singly and in pairs until something over 100 were present. Then came word from Gilson that those who were to come from that place had backed out, and would not make the attempt. Those who had come long miles to carry the plan into execution were terribly incensed at this message, and, after some fruitless talk of going on with the force they had, gave it up and returned home.

The exact reason of the change of base by the Gilson people is not known, though it is thought they feared the authorities were posted and in readiness for them.

There will be no diminution of the guard at the jail, and the would-be lynchers will meet with a warm reception if the attempt be made. An alarm connecting the jail with the police headquarters, and the engine-house and fire-bells, will be rung at the commencement of an attack, if one be made.

Rande watched the preparations for the defense last evening with his usual coolness, merely remarking that if they came into his cell for him he was good for one of them.

There is no seeming possibility of the success of any such attempt. The jail is new and strong, the officers determined that no unlawful violence shall be done, the people of Galesburg ready to stand by them and let the law take its course, and the hope is expressed here that, finding their plans discovered, the vigilantes will disband. Even if this be done pending the February term of court, an application for change of venue would result in violence at that time.

TENNESSEE LYNCHING.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15.—A month ago a negro named Boot Alexander murdered, near Murfreesboro, a white man, Thomas Daughty. Daughty had been for a long time annoyed by Alexander leaving the main road and riding through his premises, despite constant protestations, and on the day of the murder threatened to prosecute him if he did not stop. Ripping out an oath, Alexander said he would allow no poor white trash to talk to him in that way. He drew a revolver and fired twice, Doughty falling dead in sight of his agonized family. Alexander escaped, was pursued, captured in the neighboring county, and returned to Murfreesboro. Alexander was found to have received a gunshot wound in the thigh and a cut in the arm. These Alexander claimed to have received at Doughty's hands, but he was proven to have been thus wounded while in a fight with another negro some time previous. On the night of his confinement in the Murfreesboro Jail a drunken mob on horseback, and supposed to be from Doughty's neighborhood, overpowered the Jailer, took away his keys, and removed Alexander from his cell to the street, where he was received with exultant shouts by a disorganized and reckless mob. They had proceeded only a square from the jail when Alexander escaped by jumping fences and running through back yards. He was recaptured on Thursday at Christiana, only ten miles from Murfreesboro, in consequence of his having stolen a horse from a blind man named Mat Adams. Rumors prevailed at dark last night that Alexander would again be taken from the jail and lynched. The Attorney-General and Sheriff, with a posse, remained at the jail until 11 p. m., determined to prevent the delivery, but having become convinced that there was no danger, they retired, leaving Jailer Murphy and five men.

Sixty men surrounded the jail at midnight. They were well mounted and armed. They called for the Jailer, who came out and parleyed with them for ten minutes. The leader informed him that their crowd this time was sober, and meant business. They had come for the negro and intended to have him. Unable to resist, he allowed a detail of ten men to enter the jail, insuring the safety of the remainder of the prisoners. Unlocking Alexander's cell, they bound him with a big rope, and tied another around his neck, almost choking him to death in the cell. Carrying him out, they made him mount an extra horse and took him two miles out from the town, where they hung him to the limb of a white oak tree. The body was taken down this morning by the Coroner and found to have been literally riddled with shots and bullets, which evidently had been fired after he had been swung from the limb.

Alexander had been guilty of many crimes during the past two years. He was regarded as vicious. The white man he murdered had the reputation of a peaceably-disposed man.

THE LOG-STEALERS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—Up to this time the agents of the Interior Department have discovered 4,700,000 feet of the pine cut by trespassers on the public lands last winter. They have also secured evidence showing that from 1868 to 1875, inclusive, about 57,000,000 feet was taken from the public lands, besides what appears to have been settled for by payment of stumpage dues on trespasses prior to last winter. No suits have yet been begun, but against the trespassers of last winter forty-eight civil suits and twenty-five criminal indictments have been brought, and the Government agents are arranging evidence for more. The parties sued and indicted are generally men of small means, masters of logging crews, who obtained supplies for the camp and live on credit from mill men and others connected with the boom companies, paying for supplies in logs delivered in the booms, most of the logging having been on that plan. The men most prominently known in the lumber trade are not likely to be caught in these proceedings. Several civil cases were tried some months ago in the United States District Court, all resulting in favor of the Government. The remaining civil and all the criminal cases were then transferred on error to the Circuit Court. The civil cases were on replevin or on actions in trover. Yesterday the last civil case was concluded in the Circuit Court. A formal decision is not yet entered, but the Court rulings plainly indicated that the decision would be for the Government. To-day the criminal suit against Timothy Desmond was tried. Ex-Gov. Davis, for defendant, argued that the Government could not maintain both civil and criminal suits against the same person; that one barred the other. He also claimed the right to prove that the practice for twenty years has been to compromise such trespasses. District-Attorney Billson argued the contrary. Judge Dillon overruled defendant's points, and a plea of guilty was entered. Others of the indicted also pleaded guilty. Judge Dillon, reserving sentence, said a nominal penalty would be imposed in the criminal cases where the Government had recovered the full value. The Court would also consider in all these cases that they are the first prosecutions, but the offenders should understand that leniency now must not be taken for a precedent.

Some suits yet to brought are complicated, by reason of the trespass being committed in one district while the logs are replevined in another. Otherwise the cases of yesterday and to-day cover all the points involved.

MUTINY AND LYNCHING.

CHEYENNE, Wy. T., Dec. 15.—At Silver Springs, twenty-five miles south of here, a man of Company A, Third Cavalry, one of the three now en route to the Hills, named Kennedy, while under the influence of liquor yesterday, threatened the life of a Sergeant of his company, named Schaffer, but was prevented at the time from carrying his threat into execution. Shortly after arriving in camp in the evening, Kennedy procured a carbine, went to the tent where he supposed Schaffer would be found, and, opening the flap, fired at the first man he saw, killing him instantly, but instead of Schaffer it proved to be John A. Van Molt, First Sergeant of the company. Kennedy was immediately disarmed and put under charge of a guard. Great excitement prevailed among the men of the company, by whom Van Molt was greatly respected, and some time during the night the guard was overpowered, a blanket being thrown over his head, and at daylight this morning the body of Kennedy was found suspended to the ridge-pole of the guard tent by the neck, life being extinct. Van Molt's body was brought here to-day, and will be forwarded to-morrow to Fort Laramie for interment.

SAFE ROBBERY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—Some time between midnight and daylight this morning the safe in the office of Thomas J. Jack, a member of the Pittsburg Bar, was opened by a thief who by some means obtained the combination, and $6,000 in money and $1,000 worth of jewelry stolen. A number of valuable papers in the safe were scattered over the floor. Among them was found one containing a complete diagram of the office and also of the adjoining premises occupied by Messrs. Jones, Watson, Marshall & Reardon, with every means of exit from the building, to be used by the burglar in case of surprise. On the margin of this plot was the combination of the safe, the numbers 21, 55, 95. The office was entered through a rear window, the weight-cords of which were broken. An iron drawer containing the money and jewelry had been broken open by means of a chisel which was found lying on the floor, and may give a clue to the discovery of the robber. Ten checks on the Penn Bank, numbering from 795 to 805, were also taken. Mr. Jack offers $500 reward for the apprehension of the thief.

BURLINGTON BURGLARS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 15.—The city is infested with thieves and burglars. An unusually large number of successful burglaries have been perpetrated within the last two weeks, the amount secured being comparatively small in each case. Last night a most daring safe burglary was successfully committed. The safe stood within a few feet of a door opening on Main street, directly opposite the railroad depot. Persons are continually passing at all hours of the night, and a policeman patrols the block, but the safe was drilled through and the contents secured. A vigilance committee will be organized to-night by the citizens for protection.

EXECUTIONS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—James McClerdan, colored, was hung at Bastrop yesterday in the presence of 2,000 persons for the murdering of C. M. Evans a year ago. McClerdan asserted his innocence to the last, charging others with the murder.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 15.—John Jones, colored, was hanged at Mariana, Ark., yesterday, for the murder of Joseph Lowell, colored, a year ago, at Bradley's Landing. The rope broke when the drop fell, and he was taken up insensible and hanged until dead.

KILLED HIS FATHER.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15.—It was stated yesterday that Joseph Kunzler, a respected farmer near Lawrenceburg, Ind., had committed suicide. Later developments, however, make it clear that he was shot and killed by his 13-year-old son, at the instigation of Mrs. Kunzler, who had for some months been endeavoring to get a divorce. The father was shot as he was approaching the house in the evening from a short absence.

ROBBED THE MAILS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 15.—E. C. Curtis, mail messenger on the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, has been arrested by a Special Post-Office Agent for robbing the mails in his charge of money-letters. He belongs in Grand Haven.

NOT GUILTY OF FORGERY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Dec. 15.—In the United States District Court to-day a verdict of not guilty was rendered by the jury in the case of W. F. Smith, charged with forging a Post-Office money-order on the Baraboo Post-Office.

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DENVER, Col., Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Georgetown, Col., this morning, says that a mob surrounded the County Jail, forced the keys from the jailer, and took Schumme, a notorious outlaw and murderer, from the jail, and hung him.

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St. Louis Society Again Convulsed to Its Very Centre.

How the Peace of a Family Is Wrecked by One of Its "Dearest Friends."

The Husband Will Believe Nothing Until the Truth Is Forced Upon Him.

He Is at Last Convinced of the Deception of Which He Has Been the Victim.

And Has Come Near Being Robbed of His Property as Well as His Wife.

The Old, Old Story of Warming the Viper.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—A social scandal, involving a great deal of true inwardness of the type once prevalent in Brooklyn, has been whispered of in St. Louis society circles of late, but, owing to the prominence of the parties implicated, the story has been pretty effectually smothered and kept away from the reporters. The scandal persons are Col. George M. Stewart, a lawyer of eminent ability and Dean of the Faculty of the St. Louis Law-School, and Mrs. Josephine Franklin, the young, handsome, and accomplished wife of Dr. E. Franklin, the most noted homeo athic physician, President of the St. Louis Homeopathic College, and recently-elected President of the National American Institute by the Homeopathic Convention which met in New York a few months ago. Dr. Franklin, who is the aggrieved husband in the case, has been approached by reporters to-day, and declined to give any information on the subject, but

HIS MOST INTIMATE FRIENDS,

who believe that the Doctor can only be vindicated by a publication of all the facts, have given in substance the following statement:

Mrs. Franklin was formerly a Miss Josephine McSherry, daughter of a former wealthy and respected citizen of this city. She was married about ten years ago, when very young, to Dr. Franklin, at that time a widower with several children. Dr. Franklin was then 45, and is still a hale and well-preserved man, but his white hair and beard give him a venerable appearance. He carried his young wife to his residence on Easton avenue, and for a long time the couple

LIVED IN PERFECT HAPPINESS.

Mrs. Franklin was a brilliant young woman, noted for her rare conversational powers, and was a general favorite in society. About six years ago, Mr. Adams, of San Francisco, an old-time associate of Dr. Franklin, visited St. Louis, and while here proposed to introduce to him a friend of his, a brilliant young lawyer. This was George M. Stewart, who in this way became acquainted with Franklin and a welcome visitor to his house. Stewart was then 35, and rapidly rising in his profession. Dr. Franklin not only gave him the entree to his home, but insisted that he should

COME AND GO WHEN HE PLEASED,

and so strong a fancy did he take to Stewart that he took special pains to introduce him to influential friends who gave him business. He turned over all his legal business to Stewart, and during the course of their friendship presented him with a costly and massive gold watch and chain, and ring set with precious stones, all suitably engraved and given as a mark of esteem.

This intimate friendship

CONTINUED FOUR YEARS

without being marred by a single circumstance. Stewart became such a favorite with the family that he came and went without ceremony, never failing to take his Sunday dinner with his friends, who dined sumptuously. At first Mrs. Franklin did not have much friendship for Stewart, but gradually overcame her dislike, and showed her esteem by accepting invitations to ride. Stewart would frequently make evening calls, bringing with him a favorite book of poems on choice literature, from which he read to Mrs. Franklin. These calls were made without reference to whether the husband was present or not.

Dr. Franklin owned a splendid carriage and team of horses, and Mrs. Franklin often drove to Stewart's law office, and

TOOK HIM OUT RIDING.

When they went in this carriage a hired man drove; at other times Stewart furnished his own buggy, and on these occasions the pair were, of course, by themselves. Sometimes they would be out quite late, not reaching home until 10 or 11 p. m., always giving an apparently frank and honest account of where they had been, and of the harmless pleasure they had. Sometimes it was to the theatre they went, the Doctor occasionally accompanying. At other times they took long walks in the daytime or in the evening.

All this time

THE HUSBAND SUSPECTED NOTHING.

One day about three years ago he received an anonymous note warning him against Stewart, who was characterized as a libertine of the most dangerous type. Franklin laughed at the note, and showed it to his wife, saying in a playful way, "This is a nice friend we've got. You had better cut his acquaintance." The wife remarked, "Oh, pshaw; the writer is some enemy of Col. Stewart's. A more perfect gentleman I never saw." At that time Franklin's business affairs had become somewhat complicated, and, under the legal advice given by Stewart, he made over to his wife his valuable residence and eighty acres of land on the Merrimac River, near St. Louis, and of great value.

AN ASTONISHING PROOF OF HIS BLINDNESS

is furnished by the fact that, in making the transfer to his wife, Stewart was named as trustee, the law of Missouri providing that married women cannot acquire real estate in their own name.

Several more anonymous notes, a half-dozen in all, came to the Doctor, but he tore them up and refused to believe that his friend was capable of treachery. Stewart continued to be the welcome guest, the privileged friend, the trusted lawyer, and confidential adviser. While Franklin was in his office, thirty blocks away, Stewart was at the family residence,

ENTERTAINING THE WIFE,

or out on the road riding with her, or at the theatre, or taking moonlight promenades.

The first thing that aroused suspicion, and that very faintly, was a rumor that Col. Stewart and Mrs. Franklin were seen to alight at a road house on one of their drives, and that they passed some time inside. But the wife denied this, and as no definite information could be obtained as to the alleged tarrying at the place indicated, the husband was reassured.

On the 5th of May, 1876, one of the servants informed the Doctor in a casual way that the postman had brought her mistress

A LETTER EVERY DAY

excepting Sunday for five weeks. The servant, a very trusty colored woman who had been in his employ seventeen years, had picked up one of the envelopes, and this she showed to the Doctor. It was postmarked St. Louis, addressed to Mrs. Franklin, and quite curiously the address was in her own handwriting. For the first time suspicion took possession of the long-blinded husband, and he determined to watch. The next morning he left home and proceeded in the direction of his office; but he did not go to his office. He went a few blocks, turned into a cross street, and returned by a circuitous route to the neighborhood of his home, and alighted at the drug store of Boquell & Cronin on the corner of Easton and Garrison avenues, where he

LAY IN WAIT FOR THE POSTMAN

who had to pass that way. In a short time the postman came in sight, and the Doctor told him if he had a letter for his wife to give it to him, as she was in the country. The guileless postman looked through the letters and brought forth one addressed to Mrs. Franklin. The husband tore off the envelope, and in the well-known handwriting of his friend Stewart he read a letter that left no room for doubt that he had nursed a viper. The letter began: "Dearest one," and every line breathed impassioned love and devotion. It spoke of his bliss while with her, of how heavily the hours dragged when away, and how he had reached that period of the lover's experience when separation from the object of affection is misery unrelievable except by the charmer's presence. The writer referred hopefully to that joyful time in the future

WHEN SHE SHOULD BE HIS.

The letter contained other allusions that satisfied the husband that it was impossible the letter could have been written by any one else except Stewart. In a great rage Dr. Franklin drove furiously to his residence, and rushed into his wife's room, but found her out. Where she had gone the servants knew not. Search was made, but her whereabouts could not be discovered. The Doctor proceeded to his office to attend to imperative business, and did not return until his 4 o'clock dinner. He confronted her with this letter, and read it to her line by line. She turned pale, and trembled, and amidst great agitation confessed that

SHE HAD RECEIVED MANY LETTERS

from Col. Stewart, but that he meant no harm by writing to her. The attachment between them was innocent. She esteemed Col. Stewart because he had been such a good friend to her husband. Col. Stewart was grateful to Dr. Franklin for his friendship, and had treated her with affection because he had so loved her husband. She implored her husband not to condemn her or Col. Stewart hastily. She protested her faithfulness and her tender love for her husband, and begged him to make no disturbance about it. But the betrayed husband was in no humor to be put off by these thin arguments. He denounced Stewart as

A TRAITOR, A SCOUNDREL, A LIBERTINE.

The wife's blood rose, and in answer to these denunciations she made a vigorous defense of her friend, declaring that he had been respectful to her as a brother could be; that he had been and was the tried friend of her and her husband, and that it was ingratitude to charge him with such a horrible crime. A stormy scene ensued; the wife left the house in a great rage, and the husband wrote a letter to Stewart, saying, "I know it all," and then proceeded to denounce him in the bitterest terms. The wife went to her sister's. Stewart replied to the husband's note, denying his guilt, and appealing to him not to judge hastily, declaring that no wrong had been done, and

ASKING A PRIVATE CONFERENCE,

suggesting his own room as the place of meeting. This request was indignantly refused.

At the end of seven or eight days relatives and friends interposed, and, in some way, a compromise was effected, and the wife returned to her husband, promising never to speak to or to recognize Stewart. Shortly afterwards Franklin went to attend the National Homeopathic Convention in New York. When he returned he was informed that his wife had been secretly corresponding with and meeting Stewart, but this she bitterly denied. From this time on the skeleton was never removed from the Franklin household, and there were constant quarrels, jealousies, and criminations. Finally the husband and wife, though living under the same roof,

CEASED TO SPEAK TO EACH OTHER,

or to take their meals together. This lamentable state of feeling continued until six months ago, when it culminated in a desperate and violent quarrel, and Dr. Franklin took his children and left his wife in possession of the house. She rented it out, and moved to her sister's. Franklin charges that since the separation a number of things have come to light which show that his wife is under the complete control of Stewart; that she

STILL RIDES WITH HIM

and meets him; that she confesses to sitting on Stewart's lap, but explained that Stewart pulled her down on his knee in a playful manner, meaning no harm, and number of scandalous proceedings have recently been revealed. Franklin claims that it was not only the design of Stewart to rob him of his wife, but that he conspired with her to obtain his property. All this time Stewart represented himself as an unmarried man, and only five days ago Franklin learned through certain published proceedings in the divorce suit of William Jones vs. Eva, his wife, that Stewart

HAD A WIFE LIVING IN ST. LOUIS,

from whom he is separated, but whom he supports.

On the subject of all these charges Stewart has declined to be interviewed, but says he will make his statement when the proper time comes. It is said a suit for divorce will be filed in a few days, when some lively developments will be made public.

"MILLIONS IN IT."

Preparations for the Cruise to South America in Search of the San Pedro Alcantara Treasure—Six Millions of Dollars in Specie on the Ocean Bed Waiting for a Finder.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The expedition to recover the lost treasure of the San Pedro Alcantara is announced to sail from this port during the present week. An account of the project, and of the loss of the $6,000,000 and more of gold and valuables, was published in THE TRIBUNE a few weeks since. The preparations have progressed rapidly, the principal delay being caused by the delay in procuring suitable dredges. The *Times* says: "The vessel purchased for the expedition is the schooner Peter Mitchell. She is of about 100 tons, and sailors tell marvelous stories of her swiftness and seaworthiness. The Canadian Government had her constructed for the purpose of chasing intrusive Yankee fishing-smacks away from Dominion waters. When no longer required to drive off fishermen she was put into the West India fruit trade, and after a short service was purchased for her present use. Her lines are as beautiful as those of any yacht in the bay. She has two cabins, one forward for Capt. T. H. Follingsly, commandant of the expedition, his clerk, the Venzuelan officer who will come aboard at Laguayra, and another gentleman. The other aft for the sailing-master, mate, and engineer.

The forecastle will accommodate twelve men. The middle of the hold is divided by bulkheads into spacious compartments, one to hold some seventy tons of coal, another for stores, and a third for the storage of spare anchors, buoys, dredges, hawsers, chains, and other required stuff. On deck is the engine, an upright of about twenty-horse power with the necessary drums for operating dredges and drags. A derrick boom eleven inches in diameter and forty-eight feet in length has been arranged to be rigged aft just in front of the cabin trunk, in such a position as to give a sweep of thirty-five feet outward from the sides and stern of the vessel for the dredges, so that as the schooner is gradually hauled ahead a space about ninety-five feet will be thoroughly explored. Drums are also being placed for the forking in lateral directions, of exploring dredges constructed upon something of the same principle as the oyster-drags operated by towing. These drags will be carried out by small boats, one on each side, dropped in place, and hauled aboard by the power of the engine.

The ordinary dredges are quite useless for working at such depth as the San Pedro will require, consequently others, the invention of Capt. Follingsly, have had to be built. The Follingsly dredge is five feet in width, has an opening of about five feet, and is operated by six arms, two of which close and four open its ponderous jaws. Its body is pierced by many apertures, through which the greater part of the sand lifted will be washed out before it reaches the top of the water, leaving behind it only the loose masses of coarse coral, fragments of wreck, and whatever scattered treasure may be clutched to be dumped in a scow beside the vessel for careful examination. The weight of each dredge is only half a ton, and it is capable of bringing up easily two tons of material.

A submarine armor suit will be taken along to meet possible contingencies, and Capt. Follingsly, should occasion arise, is quite competent to visit the bottom of the sea, as he is an old experienced diver. But for the work of recovery appliances for submarine work from the vessel's deck are more effective than any diver's labors could be, and for purposes of exploration of the bottom his inventive genius has provided something he is confident will supersede the diver's slow and limited groupings. He has improved smugglers' devices. It has long been the practice of English smugglers to sink to the bottom of the sea, in water-tight packages, dutiable goods they were importing from France in defiance of customs regulations, and where their accomplices deemed it safe to attempt the recovery of such sunken articles they would rig a barrel with both heads out and one end submerged as far as practicable, so that, looking through, they could carefully inspect the bottom and know exactly where to throw their grappling-hooks. Capt. Follingsly has improved on the barrel idea to the extent of a submarine telescope. He has had one constructed nine inches in diameter at the largest end, and twenty-four feet long. Its tubes are of heavy tin, its joints closely packed with wicking, and its object-glass is plain French-plate, very heavy. Closed together, it stands a little over four feet high, and weighs about forty pounds. Weights may be slung to its lower end to keep it down if necessary, and lines rigged through stationary loops on the sides will enable the person using it to shorten or lengthen it at pleasure. With his glass Capt. Follingsly says he will be able to see the smallest pebbles or coin on the bottom of the ocean at a depth of 60 or 70 feet as plainly as if they were upon the deck of the Peter Mitchell.

Fortunately the wreck of the San Pedro Alcantara lies in an entirely land-locked position, where there are never any storms or rough waves to interfere with the work. Conditions more favorable for the development of the highest usefulness of the Captain's submarine telescope could scarcely be imagined.

From this port to the Laguayra it is expected that the Peter Mitchell will sail in ten or twelve days. There the officer appointed by the Venezuelan Government to observe the dredging operations and take the royalty of 5 per cent on the treasure recovered will be taken up. The present Administration of Venzuela has shown a most kindly disposition to encourage Capt. Follingsby's enterprise, giving him an exclusive right to work for the recovery of the lost $6,000,000 during a term of six years in consideration of the royalty stated. This transaction is in keeping with the spirit of enterprise and liberality observable in President Alcantara's attitude towards foreigners who have anything to offer for the benefit of Venezuela. Since his accession to office he has pursued an enlightened policy for the establishment of peace, good Government, the advancement of popular education, and the encouragement of various projects for the development of the country's natural resources of his country, and has offered the most generous inducements for the settlement of foreigners, especially Americans in Venezuelta.

The Follingsly expedition will be at work raking up the long-lost Spanish dollars, it is hoped, within fifteen, or at farthest twenty, days from date.

THE RAILROADS.

THE EVENERS.

Several of the railroad officials who attended the Cleveland meeting returned to the city yesterday, and from them the "true inwardness" of the action taken in regard to the "everers' ring" is ascertained. They state that although most of the managers went to the meeting with a determination to have the iniquity abolished, yet the eveners who were present and the managers of two or three of the trunk lines, who for some cause or other sided with them most energetically, were too much for them, and the ring virtually carried the day. Not only was it decided to continue the "eveners" on the same conditions as heretofore, but their field of operations was still further extended. ¶ As stated heretofore, the principal oppositions to the eveners' ring came from the Wabash and the St. Louis roads, not because they considered the arrangement an unjust one, but because they believed that it helped the Chicago roads. If there was money in the ring they wanted their share of the spoils or else they were determined to burst it. It had long since become evident to the eveners and their railroad allies that the only way to keep up their arrangement for enriching themselves at the expense of the small shippers and stock-raisers was to give the St. Louis roads a share of the spoils. The latter accepted the proposition of the eveners to extend their operations to St. Louis with avidity, and the Chicago managers, who honestly believed the arrangement was only a steal and a fraud, had nothing left for them to do but submit. The arrangement as regards the division of the live-stock business among the various roads leading East from St. Louis is as follows: Ohio & Mississippi, 12 per cent; Chicago & Alton, 17 per cent; Indianapolis & St. Louis and Vandalia Lines, 47½ per cent; Wabash Road 23½ per cent. The eveners propose themselves to distribute this pro rata among the various roads, and see that no one line is discriminated against by the shippers not in the ring. For this service they receive $15 for each car of live stock arriving in the East, the same amount as received by them on the live-stock from Chicago. The arrangement is not final, however, it being adopted conditional upon the approval of Mr. A. L. Hopkins, Jr., General Manager of the Wabash Road, who was not present at the meeting. The matter will come up again at a meeting to be held at New York on the 20th inst., when Mr. Hopkins is expected to be present. As he has been awarded the same percentage as the best of the lines leading East from St. Louis, it is not thought probable that he will refuse to ratify the arrangement. The eveners at Chicago consist of but three of the prominent shippers and not twelve, as has been heretofore supposed. These are Mr. Sam Allison, Nelson Morris, and a Mr. Eastman. There are to be two more from St. Louis, but their names have not yet transpired. These five men virtually control all the live stock shipments from the East to the West, and all other shippers are dependent upon them. "It is a shame," said a prominent railway manager yesterday, "that the railroads should thus confess their inability to control their own business, but must leave it to a powerful Ring of shippers." The only argument advanced at the Cleveland meeting in favor of continuing eveners was that the live stock pools could not be maintained without them, and the rates would go to pieces. Not one of the managers present had the hardihood to claim that the arrangement was just and fair one. All tacitly admitted that it was an outrage on the shippers not in the Ring, but it had to be continued because high rates could not be maintained in any other way. From the fact that the managers of the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads made such strenuous efforts to continue the eveners, it is believed that there is some truth in the rumors which have prevailed for some time past that some of them have an interest in the ring, and share in the spoils which under the old arrangement amounted to about $1,000,000, and, under the new one, will foot up nearly $2,000,000. The claim that such an arrangement is necessary in order to maintain fair rates is considered all nonsense. If the live stock rates cannot be maintained without eveners, how is it that these same railroads claim that the grain rates can be maintained without a similar arrangement? The fact is, the live-stock business is in the hands of a few powerful parties who are able to dictate terms, while the grain business is in the hands of many with whom it will be impossible to form a ring which will prove equally profitable to the private interests of a few all-powerful railroad managers.

THE SCALPERS.

Mr. Rhodes, another scalper, has followed the example of Mr. Chadwick, and announces that he will go out of the business immediately. The other scalpers in this city who have been doing a square business will undoubtedly follow the example of these men before long, as under the late agreements entered into by the various roads in this city stopping the payment of commissions they will no longer be able to do a profitable business. Those dealing in stolen tickets and passes will be able to hold out longer, but if the railroads continue making arrests it remains only a question of time when they will have to close up shop and make a living in some other kind of business.

Mr. Nat Reeve, the clerk of Mr. Mulford, was again arrested yesterday. Before he was able to procure bail he had to lie in the sawdust in the bull-pen for nearly two hours. This irate individual is now running about with a large revolver swearing to shoot the first man who will ever again put such indignity upon him. He will be given a chance to put his threat into operation next Monday or Tuesday.

ITEMS.

F. W. Cleveland, for several years traveling agent of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, and who was compelled to resign a short time ago on account of repeated hemorrhages from the lungs, died yesterday morning. It is but a short time ago that the father of this young man, Mr. W. C. Cleveland, General Western Passenger Agent of the same road, was borne to his last earthly resting-place, leaving a widow, two daughters, and a son, the promising young man who was looked upon as the mother's and sisters' solace and stay, but who are now also deprived of this their only support. F. W. Cleveland was a genial, kind, and generous young man of but 27 years of age. Besides his almost broken-hearted mother and sisters, he leaves a host of friends who mourn his untimely taking off and sympathize deeply with the stricken family.

It is reported that Mr. Edmund L. Du Barry, General Superintendent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, formerly the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes, has resigned his position. From what can be learned, he will have no successor, but Mr. F. W. Huidekoper, the President, will personally assume the duties of the office. Mr. Mower, at present Mr. Du Barry's private secretary, who is a practical railroad man, will have charge of the business during Mr. Huidekoper's absence from the city.

A station named Dorah's Crossing has been established between Humboldt and Mattoon on the Chicago Division of the Illinois Central Railroad. It is located 3.76 miles south of Humboldt, 4.99 miles north of Mattoon, and 167.38 miles south of Chicago. It will be a flag-station for all trains.

Mr. R. A. Donaldson has been appointed Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Central Pacific Railroad.

SERIOUSLY ILL.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—F. C. Bangs, the actor, is lying seriously ill of a spinal trouble at the Forest City House. His company were under an engagement to play in Pittsburg the coming week. It is understood an effort is being made to supply Mr. Bangs' place, and the company continue its tour.

EASEL AND STUDIO.

The Washburne Collection of Portraits of Distinguished Statesmen.

Emperor William, Bismarck, Thiers, Lord Lyons, Franklin, and Others.

The David Neal Exhibition of Heads at O'Brien's Gallery.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The awakened interest in art matters, of late so evident and palpable, in the cultivated circles of the city, is so welcome and encouraging that it deserves to be supported and stimulated by all appropriate means, "in season and (if possible) out of season." The new city has been far behind the times,—indeed, it has not attained the prominence of the old city in these matters,—the wealthy people of taste being apparently unable to forget the wholesale destruction of paintings by the great fire of 1871. The pictures of great merit that have been secured since that calamity that will forever be called terrible, are all in private dwellings; and of this no just complaint can be made. A public gallery or attractive salesrooms (while the former is beginning to be talked about) we may not expect to have for some time to come. These we had before 1871. The President of the Historical Society, a few nights ago, in welcoming a select audience to the Society's temporary quarters, spoke with touching regretfulness of the splendid pictures that used to adorn the old walls. Alarm and necessity supplemented the efforts of the fire in stripping the city of its paintings. Hundreds, that would be prized in any art-market in the world, were sent away and sold. The last year or two have brought a change. The revival in art has been slow, but there has been a revival. One who cares for art has but to inquire, and look into the dwellings of scores of citizens, to see examples of the best art of the period, and representing every school in the Christian world.

The recent accession of art-treasures, which is the occasion of this article, is in some respects the most valuable ever brought to this country. The public is already pretty well aware of their character. They consist of a number of portraits of the greatest men in Europe, painted from the life in a masterly manner, and presented to the Hon. E. B. Washburne as tokens of esteem and gratitude. As well as I can, I will endeavor to describe these portraits.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM.

First in rank, if not in interest, is the Emperor William, of Germany. Of the artist, Bulow, I know nothing, except that he is the court-painter. He can afford to be judged by the present work. It is a three-quarter length figure,—of course, standing,—and the attitude is most commanding. The German people, by their industry and frugality, their bravery and devotion, have made the Empire rich, and great, and powerful, and are, in fact, the real architects of all his glory. There is no indication to be seen in the impressible face of this picture that he has outgrown his early imbibed principles of Kingship appointed by heaven. As he stands here, tall, compact, with head high in air, his front face to you, it is easy to admit that he realizes in his own person the ideal ruler by divine right. The artist's drawing, and skilful rounding out of the form, shows you the man himself. He is a fine type of the best of his race. Pure German blood is the oldest blood in Europe; and no wonder that the grandest human specimens are of the German race. Among no other people is the family likeness so accurately preserved—it is the same in one place as in another, in this century as in the last. The simple and severe habits of the monarchs of Germany are read of in every school primer. These habits have told powerfully for example, upon the German people. Their physical development is now what it was during the two hundred years that Germany struggled against Rome. They are now known, as they were when history first makes mention of them, as muscular, powerful, and brave. The old Emperor (he is 80 years past) is said not to look to be over 60; in this picture he does not look even so old, and yet Mr. Washburne, who lately spent a week intimately with him, says it is a perfect likeness. He looks as if the heaviest labor might be pastime to him. One would not be surprised to learn that he believes as stoutly in the traditions of the German Hercules as in the deeds history records of his own ancestors. The accessories are in perfect keeping with the august central figure. A mysterious depth of background is calculated to excite curiosity, almost apprehension, while it baffles inspection. At the entrance of a passage-way, leading to no end of lofty galleries, hang great folds of deep crimson, drawn aside just sufficient to have allowed the Emperor to pass to where he stands beside a marble column, which matches himself in simple dignity. The flooring is of marble. The only movable thing to be seen is a chair of state. It is of great richness, mounted with golden eagles, but thrown into deep shade; the seat, half-covered with a robe of fur, is extended towards the Emperor, who, by his action, makes one uncertain whether he will walk abroad or stay at home. The light comes through a window on the Emperor's right, full in his face. The artist is to be thanked for this arrangement, for we are thus enabled to see every seam and vein of the face and forehead. The complexion is clear as sunlight; the features are clear-cut and unmistakable. He is in military costume, which as well becomes him now as it was observed to do by a friend who saw him when he was thirty years younger. He was then thought to be the most imposing figure in Europe. I do not know how far it is desirable to go into details. His features are familiar to those who have had access to the illustrated journals of the last few years. But in all prints for transient purposes there is more or less of caricature. In the painted portrait it is different. Nature may be idealized, but this has to do with the expression, the spirit. Any mere magnifying of the features or swelling of the proportions is falsehood and vulgarity. The expression in this case is happy. The face has a lofty dignity, as of distance, by reason of exalted station, from almost all mankind. But there is another idea to be derived from that face, namely, that of extreme benevolence: "the milk of human kindness" is in the Emperor, if it is in any man. The forehead is full and round, like the big end of an egg; the upper forehead is bald; the head long and high, and firmly set on the shoulders. At the hat line is some white, thin hair, combed towards but not reaching the temples. If the ears are large, close to the head, and beautifully painted, as in this case, it is proper to notice them. There is not much difference in the cut of the whiskers from the middle-class English cut. They curve round the cheeks to the lower corners of the mouth,—the chin and throat bare. The lips are thin and lightly compressed, expressing at the same time insistance and yielding. A queer little mustache, white as snow, is pulled out to ends that point to the ears. Taken separately, this part of the face would not give one the highest idea of intellectual force. But what is man, much more an Emperor, without a nose? William's nose is the right member in the right place. The fleshy intersection with the brow is not—well, it is not Grecian—and why should it be? Neither is the rise of it Roman, but it is a match for that; it enables one not to doubt the story of the loss to the old Germans of Varus and his legions. It is straight, long, and bold. It is mild. It is aggressive. The cheek-bones are high and drawn forward, leaving the sides of the face thin, but giving to a space about the eyes an unusual, fleshy look. The eyes themselves are small, and blue, and have a humorous glitter. All over this remarkable face there wreaths a smile that looks kindly and permanent. His mind is elevated and amiable. More joyous than serious, devoted to his family and a few intimates, he is nevertheless consecrated to God and Fatherland. I said he is in military costume. He also wears on his breast his numerous decorations. A wide, yellow satin ribbon crosses diagonally from left to right, from which depends gilt-tasselings, points, stars, and crosses. The sword hangs by his side. On the left hand is a glove, and it holds another. The right hand holds a wrought-metal hat, over which falls, beautifully, a plume of white feathers. All this would look tawdry and out of place on most men, however exalted. On this noble form the effect is to heighten and to flash out his splendor. It is as much in keeping as is chiseled foliage on the front of some grand architectural pile.

A word about the frame of this portrait. It contributes largely to the effect. Being solid wood, time will not much injure it. The pattern is the open retreating one that, unaccountably, our frame-makers have not yet adopted. The gold is heavy and finely burnished. Over the centre of the top bar is a splendid gold crown.

PRINCE BISMARCK.

This fine portrait is by Mr. Healy. It is one of his best, which is the same as saying that it is equal to the best work of almost any portrait painter. The subject is peculiarly one on which he could exercise to great advantage the kind of talents he possesses in an eminent degree. Strength and accuracy of delineation are the true requisites in the artist who would paint Bismarck. There is no other head anywhere that can stand in competition a moment with his in the artist's contemplation. Everybody knows that head. The Imperial Chancellor is a rare subject for caricature; and through that means he is, perhaps, as well known as by the sober wood-cut or the photograph. His body is more huge, his system of nerves is more raised and under command, his veins are more full and coursing with blood, his brain is larger and more glowing with thought; in one word, he is the greatest man living whose hand is on a political machine. The artist has shown this man as he is. He looks as though he had been rough-hewn out of a vast block of human flesh and bones. If such a head and such a set of features were ever on statesman before, the pencil has failed to detect and transmit a copy of them. And yet in this portrait, without even the smallest thing that belongs to this astonishing face being omitted, Bismarck is the "mildest-mannered man" who ever aggrandized a great State. He is handsome, if I may be daring enough to use the word,—his face beams with intense warmth of good nature, his eye glows with geniality. It is blue and deep as the sky; but, looking into it, you do not for a moment forget that, like the sky, instantly it can throw its thunderbolts. It is an eye "to threaten and to command." Look this portrait in the face, and you do not need to know a word of history, to be sure that he whom it represents is able to send Kings and Emperors to his purposes, and to coax or to coerce reluctant masses. He is a man to play with "a world in arms." Such is the reflection one inevitably makes when standing before this portrait. It is in a sitting posture, but the chair is not visible; there is no other article of furniture in the room, except a plain mahogany table covered with baize; there is nothing to add to, or take from, the object of our interest. He has been writing, and his left hand rests on the paper. His right hand, with a quill pen in it, has dropped to his right knee. He has an expectant look, his head and shoulders inclining forward in the direction of his sight. The attitude is between action and repose. It is as if he had seemed to pause for an instant from exertion, to allow the artist to take him at his best. He is dressed in simple costume; dark blue coat, edged with red cording, and buttoned diagonally up to the right shoulder. A cross worn over the heart is the only decoration.

Before I go on to the other portraits in this collection I have to say, in justice to the artist who painted all but two. With Mr. Healy new Chicago is not so well acquainted as it should be. The time will come when his name will be one of our chief boasts. Born in Boston and educated at a Catholic seminary (Quebec), he early developed a taste in color and a facility in drawing. For more than forty years he has devoted himself to his art. In 1847 he went to Paris, and determined to apply his talents to portrait painting. Could he make a fashionable artist then, and he became one of his pupils. Americans were not as plenty in Paris then as now, and Mr. Healy soon attracted general notice. He was not slow to establish influential connections—therein displaying a tact that has through life never failed him. He was ordered to paint Louis Philippe and his Queen. He also painted Marshal Soult. While the King was sitting to Mr. Healy he became so interested in conversation about distinguished Americans of that day that he resolved to have the portraits of some of them for the gallery at Versailles. Mr. Healy hurried home with commissions to paint Webster, Calhoun, and Jackson. He immediately repaired to the Hermitage, but found Jackson very ill, and, though he painted him, he died before the work was finished. Then came the revolution of 1848, driving Louis Philippe from the throne; and the portraits were never delivered. Returning to Paris, Mr. Healy was ordered by Victoria to paint Guizot, and the portraits of the ex-King and Queen for one of the galleries in England. In 1854 he came to Chicago and established here a permanent home. Until he went to Europe again, in 1869, he constantly employed his brush. He painted both portraits; 300 were burned in the great fire. He is one of the few artists who has been privileged to paint the Pope. In Rome he painted the Princess of Roumania, which so pleased her royal husband that he was summoned to Roumania to paint Prince Charles on horseback. And now, here are his latest works, those I am trying to convey some idea of to the reader. He has lost none of his old-time skill. During his last visit to his home in this city he painted many citizens; and in some instances he failed. He worked with marvelous swiftness. But it would not appear that that was the cause of the failure in any case, for his splendid one of Judge David Davis was turned off in a single day. Great orators have been known to make very dull speeches. Milton was not up to the level of the Paradise Lost in every line that he wrote. And some one has remarked that some of the notes of the nightingale are those of common birds. We may not, therefore, complain if the artist is not always equal to himself.

M. THIERS.

Here is the finest type of a Frenchman. Delicate refinement to express as I have never seen it before. The well-known face need not be minutely described. The miraculous little man, in all his manly beauty, springs, at the mention of his name, into the focus of the mind's eye. Paint this man's portrait grandly, or not at all. His achievements in the study and in the high forum of France have informed the civilized world of what manner of man he was. Probably no man in modern times, who has run a great career, has left a nobler, a more transparent record. His critics never conceded the purity of his motives; and the objects for which he labored were always definite and visible. There was the evidence of genius in all that he did; and genius was stamped on his glorious face. The artist brings to us the brilliant man of letters, the consummate statesman, and the devoted patriot. I like this portrait better than any other in the collection. There is an expression of power, not so much reserved, as in the position he seems to be exerted on the instant, and, if need were, with the swiftness of lightning. There is a light play of facial muscles that interests like the countenances of happy children. Absolute readiness for the best or the worst that could be encountered, is the sentence to be read in that face. The temperament as well as the intellect are depicted. The artist did not look elsewhere for hints,—the exertion of all his power was necessary to paint up to nature in his subject. The result is this portrait, which has been generally preferred in Paris to any that has been recently painted by any native artist. M. Thiers is sitting, and dressed in plain black, the coat buttoned over the chest, nearly covering the shirt front. A standing collar leaves the necessary amount of white about the throat. It is a front face, and an attitude evidently chosen, but the ease and grace are charming. The oily texture of the skin suggests vigorous middle age, and the glow is that which comes from buoyant health and vivacity. His power of work and love of society were not less at 80 than in his early manhood. Five o'clock in the morning of the day of his death found him in his study, and his public and social duties were performed on that day with scrupulosity. It is impossible to look on that face without emotion. Sensibility has had as much to do as firmness with compressing those lips. The light that streams from those soft brown eyes is illumination. The well-orbed and whitened head was the crown of God's choicest image that has dissolved in dust in our time.

GAMBETTA.

I had hoped to have the pleasure of showing to the reader the portrait of Gambetta, but just at the moment that it was expected a letter came saying that it had been intercepted in England, where it is on exhibition.

LORD LYONS.

Just before Mr. Washburne left Paris, Lord Lyons, the English Minister to France, testified his regard for him by presenting him with his portrait. There is nothing very remarkable in it, but it is admirably painted. He is an old diplomat, well known in Washington. The English system has made him intellectually what he is. He understands the interests of his country, is lynx-eyed in watching them, believes in his own country and in no other—and thinks a roast of beef and a summer sunset equally good things in their way. As a type the subject is excellent. In this collection it, therefore, has a high value.

FRANKLIN AND WASHBURNE.

To this day Benjamin Franklin is a hero to the French people—more so than to most Americans. No citizen of this country ever left an impression of himself so indelibly in any foreign country. The artists love to paint him—that picturesque old man. The work before us is not so much a portrait as a historical representation. Everything is in it. He is surrounded by manuscripts and apparatus pertaining to the sciences. It is very interesting and finely painted.

Mr. Washburne's portrait is modestly hung apart from the rest in an

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

THOMAS J. TURNER LODGE, No. 460, A. F. and A. M.—Will meet in Annual Communication Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at American Express Building, 79 Monroe-st. All members of this Lodge are expected to be present. Special meeting Thursday at 6 p. m. for work on M. M. Degree. Public installation of the officers-elect will be held Thursday, Dec. 27 (St. John's Day), in connection with an address of Bro. and Rev. H. W. Thomas. Oriental Quartette will furnish the musical programme, to which the members and their friends will take due and timely notice, and govern themselves accordingly.
JOHN E. PETTIBONE, W. M.
W. M. STANTON, Sec'y.

ORIENTAL CONSISTORY—The members of Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32d Degree, are requested to appear at their Asylum, fully equipped, this (Sunday) noon at 12 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral obsequies of our late Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32d Degree, John L. Wickers. The Consistory will leave the Asylum at 12:30 in carriages to residence, 1 Front-st., thence to Graceland Cemetery. By order G. W. BARNARD, 33d Degree, Commander-in-Chief.
JAS. A. T. BIRD, 32d Degree, Grand Sec.

APOLLO COMMANDERY, No. 1, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—Special Conclave at Asylum, 72 to 78 Monroe-st., on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 18, at 7:30 prompt. Stated Conclave at 8 o'clock. Following the regular business of the evening, the Order of the Temple will be conferred. A full attendance is requested. Visitors always welcome. By order of the Commander.
J. R. DUNLOP, Recorder.

WILLIAM B. WARREN LODGE, NO. 209, A. F. & A. M.—The Twenty-third Annual Communication of this Lodge will be held at hall 74 and 76 Monroe-st., on Saturday evening next, Dec. 22, at half-past 7 o'clock, for the election of officers, payment of dues, and transaction of other important business. Every resident member is requested to be present. By order of the Lodge.
J. R. DUNLOP, Secretary.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 311, A. F. and A. M.—Annual Communication of this Lodge will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at Corinthian Hall, 187 East Kinzie-st., commencing at 7:30 o'clock, for the election of officers and the payment of dues. Every member is urgently requested to be present.
L. S. CHARLETTE, Sec. GEO. D. EDDY, W. M.

CLEVELAND LODGE, No. 211, A. F. and A. M.—The twenty-first Annual Communication will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock, for the election of officers and the payment of the annual dues. Every member of the Lodge is cordially invited to be present. GEO. F. SINCLAIR, W. M.
GEO. K. HAZLITT, Sec.

RICHARD COLE LODGE, No. 697, A. F. and A. M.—The Annual Communication will be held at their Hall, 79 Archer-av., on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p. m. Members are hereby notified to attend. Business, the payment of dues and the election of officers for the ensuing year. By order WM. CLUCAS, W. M.
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COVENANT LODGE, No. 526, A. F. and A. M.—Regular (annual) Communication next Friday evening, Dec. 21, at Corinthian Hall, 187 East Kinzie-st., for election of officers and payment of dues. A full attendance of the members is requested. By order of
WM. KEIRL, Sec. G. B. COFFIN, W. M.

D. A. CASHMAN LODGE, No. 686, A. F. and A. M.—Regular Communication will be held in their Hall, corner West Madison and Robey-sts., Tuesday evening, Dec. 18. Business, reports of Treasurer and Secretary, and work on F. C. Degree. Prompt at 7:30 o'clock.
H. G. THOMPSON, W. M.

CHICAGO COMMANDERY, No. 19, K. T.—Attention, Sir Knights!—Annual Conclave Monday evening, Dec. 17, 1877, for election of officers and payment of dues. A full attendance requested. Visiting Sir Knights courteously invited. By order of
JOHN B. SANBORN, E. C.
JAS. E. MEGINN, Recorder.

NATIONAL LODGE, No. 598, A. F. and A. M.—The Annual Communication for the installation of officers will be held at their Hall, corner Halsted and Randolph-sts., Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, at 7:30 o'clock. All members requested to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the W. M.
A. C. WOOD, Secretary.

BUTLER CHAPTER, No. 36, O. E. S.—Annual Communication for election of officers, Wednesday evening, Dec. 26. Work on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, on Eastern Star Degrees. Members of the Order will receive a cordial welcome.
MRS. ELIZABETH BUTLER, Worthy Matron.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 43, R. A. M.—Annual Convocation Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 o'clock, at Hall corner Randolph and Halsted-sts., for the election of officers and payment of dues. By order
A. J. GUILFORD, H. P.
CHARLES B. WRIGHT, Sec'y.

D. C. CREGIER LODGE, No. 643, A. F. and A. M.—Hall 278 and 280 Milwaukee-av.—Regular Communication Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30 sharp. Work in the M. M. Degree. A full attendance is requested. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the W. M.
JOHN GINOCHIO, Sec.

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 2, R. A. M.—Hall, 78 Monroe-st.—Special Convocation Monday evening, Dec. 17, for installation of officers, and work on the M. M. Degree. By order of W. H. REID, H. P.
E. N. TUCKER, Sec.

PLEIADES LODGE, No. 478, A. F. and A. M.—Annual Communication Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at Pleiades Hall, 220 and 222 South Halsted-st., for the election of officers and payment of dues. By order W. M. Acting. E. F. NEWELL, Sec.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 642, A. F. and A. M.—Annual Communication Thursday evening, Dec. 20, for business, election of officers, and payment of dues. All members are hereby notified to attend. By order of
W. H. REID, Sec. M. A. THAYER, W. M.

KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 639, A. F. and A. M.—All members are notified to appear at the Hall to-day at 11:30 o'clock sharp to attend the funeral of our late brother John Wickers, deceased. By order of
THEO. HARZ, Sec. M. PFLAUM, W. M.

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, NO. 35, K. T.—Stated Conclave Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30 o'clock. Installation of officers. By order of
J. O. DICKERSON, Recorder. W. M. BURBANK, E. C.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 68, R. A. M.—Special Convocation Monday evening, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p. m. Work on the Mark M. Degree. By order
J. O. DICKERSON, Secretary. G. W. BARNARD, H. P.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1877.

Both Houses of Congress adjourned yesterday afternoon until Jan. 10.

In New York on Saturday greenbacks were worth 97¼@97½ cents on the dollar.

The valuable time of the House was almost entirely taken up yesterday with a fight upon the resolutions of Mr. Woon, calling for the appointment of a committee to investigate all the Government Departments according to the wholesale process adopted at the last session of Congress. The Democrats, under the leadership of Mr. Woon, made a determined effort to force a vote on the resolutions, but were finally obliged to succumb and allow them to go over until the next session.

Along the Rio Grande all is not so quiet as might be desired. Our dispatches narrate a bloody encounter between the United States troops stationed at San Elizario, in El Paso County, Texas, and the Mexican residents of the town, who are said to have been reinforced by a party from the other side of the river. The population of San Elizario, and indeed of the whole county, is exclusively Mexican. The news of this outbreak caused some excitement in Washington yesterday. The Texan delegation called upon the President asking for the adoption of measures to protect the American citizens along the border. In connection with this matter it is reported that the Sub-Committee on Military Affairs in the House have just discovered that in 1875 the Government came much nearer engaging in a war with Mexico than people at that time generally supposed. It is said that a United States gunboat was actually ordered to the Rio Grande, and all arrangements were made for an invasion of Mexico, but through the peaceful offices of Secretary FISH the plan was foregone. The story does not wear an aspect of entire credibility.

There will be no occasion either for pistols or for coffee. The difficulty between Senators GORDON and CONKLING is believed to have come to an amicable termination, although for awhile the sky looked black, and there was an odor of gore at the National Capital. Decidedly, this was the sensation of yesterday. But the episode, laughable as it seems at this distance, is useful in reminding people that the laws of chivalry, so fondly believed to have passed away and grown obsolete, are still with us, in a measure, and, if they help to preserve the amenities of Congressional debate, they will not be so utterly deplorable as they are apt to be considered.

Notwithstanding the protest of the Bonapartists, the action of the French Deputies in voting a portion of the budget yesterday was an expression of confidence in the new Ministry. In a speech to the Chamber M. LEON SAY asked for a credit of 29,500,000 francs to cover the Government expenses for two months, and this was promptly granted. Thus have matters become partially established again in France, after so many months of disquiet and apprehension. GAMBETTA's paper, the *Republique Francais*, takes the present opportunity to pay a handsome compliment to MACMAHON, who, even though defeated and piqued, must feel relieved to have the struggle ended.

A curious infringement of the usually strict army discipline is reported from Cheyenne. A private in a cavalry company having a grudge against a Sergeant, went to the latter's tent Friday night and shot a person whom he supposed to be his enemy, but who proved to be a different man. The comrades of the assassin, provoked by this dastardly act, on the same night took him by force from the guard-house and strung him up to a convenient tree. However justly this summary kind of punishment might be deserved, it was undoubtedly opposed to all the military rules and practice, and how the lynchers will be dealt with remains an interesting question.

The outlaw, RANDE, narrowly escaped a premature execution yesterday. No less than 300 citizens of Galesburg and the neighboring towns banded together Tuesday with the avowed object of forcing the County Jail and lynching the murderer. The plan fell through, because the men from the Town of Gilson backed out, fearing that they would meet with too much hindrance from the authorities. It happened that news of the projected attack upon the jail was really sent to Galesburg, and undoubtedly the lynchers would have had trouble in securing their game. An extra guard was put on Thursday and Friday nights, and it is improbable that any violence will now be attempted.

It is seldom that public sentiment has so unanimously praised a great General as it has OSMAN, the hero of Plevna. Critics of all nations, friends and enemies alike, unite in declaring his defense of those fortifications to be one of the most splendid feats in history. A correspondent describes the meeting of OSMAN and the Grand Duke NICHOLAS, and tells how the Russian officers all gazed upon the former with the greatest admiration. According to the correspondent, he is a strongly-built man; the lower part of his face is covered with a short, black beard without a streak of gray; and he has a large Roman nose and black eyes. His is the face of a great chieftain. In the words of Gen. SKOBELOFF, "OSMAN ghazi he is, and OSMAN the Victorious he will remain in spite of his surrender."

THE COUNTY OFFICES.

The new members of the County Board are encountering more embarrassments in making the reforms expected of them than they counted upon. It is difficult to determine just how much of the blame justly rests upon them and how much upon the old members who were reckoned upon to act with them. There were only five new members elected, and they are powerless by themselves; but it was confidently anticipated that three of the old members would second their efforts, and it was hoped that four might be induced to join them. Of these only two—Messrs. AYARS and SENNE—have shown the good faith that was promised. It was expected that Mr. TABOR would act with the Republican members, because he is a Republican, and that Mr. FITZGERALD would act with them, because he professes to be a Reformer. But each of these gentlemen seems disposed to dictate his terms, and to refuse to vote in the interest of the people unless he can secure some special favor for his friends. At last accounts, the Republican members had abandoned their caucus slate; and we are inclined to think that the matter should be left there, and that no further attempt be made to agree upon the appointments except in open Board.

We will assume that seven Reform members of the Board—Messrs. SENNE, AYARS, SPOFFORD, MEYER, BURLING, BOESE, and WHEELER—are united in the single effort to secure the best available men for the different county places. But they are in the minority, and require another vote to carry the day. They turn to Mr. TABOR, who announces that he will not act with them unless they appoint his man MUIRHEAD as County Agent. But the County Agent's place is the most important and responsible of all. He has charge of the distribution of coal, provisions, and other supplies doled out to the deserving poor. He can save or squander thousands of dollars in the course of the winter, and, as the judge of the supplies furnished under contract, he can either facilitate or prevent swindling. Mr. MUIRHEAD is said to be totally unfit for the place, and there are circumstances in his career that certainly indicate something of the kind. To begin with, he is a chronic office-holder and office-seeker. As Assessor of the Town of Lake, it is said that he favored the Stock-Yards Company, the Stock-Yards Bank, and other Stock-Yards institutions, in such a manner as to impose thousands of dollars of taxes on the remainder of the county. This is the reason assigned why Mr. TABOR, a Stock-Yards man, insists that MUIRHEAD shall be rewarded with the place of County Agent. It is certainly an excellent reason, if true, why he should not be appointed to that or any other position, and this reason is supplemented by another, if, as is alleged, MUIRHEAD is urged by PERIOLAT, the former "Boss." The Reform members of the Board cannot submit to the dictation of MUIRHEAD without abandoning their work of reform.

Then they turn to Mr. FITZGERALD, who has for a long time made loud professions of devotion to reform, and FITZGERALD takes practically the same position as TABOR. He will not act with the seven Reform members unless they agree to appoint one HYNES as County Attorney,—a position scarcely second to that of County Agent. This Mr. HYNES is an Arkansas carpet-bagger. He was a Republican in Arkansas for the purpose of running for office, and he became a Democrat immediately upon his arrival in Chicago for the same purpose. The County Attorney should not only be a good general lawyer, but he should be especially familiar with the law of tax assessments, as the tax-fighting in the courts affords the chief occasion for the County Attorney. Mr. HYNES has not been long enough a resident of Chicago, and has never had the legal practice, to qualify him properly for the place; and it would be almost as fatal to submit to FITZGERALD's dictation of HYNES as to TABOR's dictation of MUIRHEAD.

The Reform members then turn to look for some one else in the Board to join them in the effort to secure good men for the different places. LENZEN comes forward, we understand, and says that he will vote with them if they will retain his man PETERS as Warden of the Poor-House and Insane Asylum. But PETERS is said to be an incompetent old fellow, and this cannot be done without forfeiting the claim to reform. In one word, the effort at reform is met at every step with propositions for bargaining. It is this circumstance which leads us to advise the real Reformers of the Board to abandon all further caucus efforts. It may well be doubted, in any case, whether the caucus is the proper agency for reform. Let the Reform members go into the open Board with the determination not to vote for unfit men, and let them individually present the names of persons whom they know to be suited for certain places. If, for instance, such a man as Mr. TRUSDELL, the Superintendent of the Relief and Aid Society, were named for County Agent, everybody would recognize his fitness immediately, because his personal honesty and experience have been fully tested in a similar kind of work. Like nominations throughout would force the members of the Board to show their hands. Mr. FITZGERALD, or Mr. TABOR, or Mr. CLEARY, or Mr. BRADLEY, or anybody else in the Board from whom there is the slightest reason to expect aid for reform, would be obliged to vote for unimpeachable men or openly confess their opposition to the public sentiment. This course is the only one left to the reform element, and they must stand or fall by insisting upon a thorough reformation all around.

RUSSIAN SENTIMENT.

The recent paper printed in the *Severny Vestnik* by Prince WASSILTCHIKOFF, and to which we have alluded before, has attracted so much attention throughout Europe, especially in diplomatic circles, as representing Russian sentiment with regard to terms of peace, that it is worthy of more than ordinary consideration. The utterances of the Prince are always regarded attentively in Russia. Although he has always kept aloof from office, he exercises great influence in political and diplomatic circles, and even in Court. He is a moderate Slavophile in his feelings, and has given special attention to the study of social and political science, as well as of international law. He is in the highest degree, therefore, to be considered a publicist, and one who speaks with a certain degree of authority, as is shown by the attention that has been given to his paper in English Court circles. The points made by the Prince may be briefly summed up as follows:

1. The war was undertaken for the emancipation of the Balkan Sclaves, and at the same time Russia entered into an obligation not to appropriate any territory in Europe. The first part of the programme will be satisfied by procuring "firm guarantees for the Balkan Sclaves" (Bulgaria) and "full autonomy for some provinces" (evidently Servia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina). The second part will be satisfied by not annexing any of the European possessions of the Sultan. The first part, therefore, represents the minimum of obligation to the Sclaves, the second the maximum of concession to the European Powers.

2. Russia undertook no obligations with respect to the Asiatic dominions or the Black Sea. The possession of the latter is of importance with regard to the future bearings of the Eastern question. If Roumania, for instance, after receiving territorial compensation for her services in the war, should, after the consolidation, decide to maintain strict neutrality, and refuse her territory as a base for the Russian armies, all access to the Balkan peninsula would be barred. The Black Sea, therefore, would be the only approach left to Russia.

3. A State has no right to sacrifice the fortunes and lives of its subjects without compensation; therefore Russia must demand compensation for her losses. As she cannot demand territory in Europe, and Turkey is too poor to pay money, the most effectual satisfaction would be the cession of the Turkish fleet. This would of itself prove the best possible guarantee of the autonomy of the Sclavic provinces. Such a compensation would be based upon principles sanctioned by international law. "Freedom of navigation, the opening of the Straits, and the reconstruction of the Russian Black Sea fleet, present such advantages for the future of Southern Russia and for the further solution of the Eastern question, that, in comparison with them, all other conditions of peace must be regarded as secondary."

4. Such a compensation would meet with less opposition by the other Powers than any other. Austria and Germany are not opposed to the development of Russia in an Asiatic direction; therefore the command of the Black Sea and the change of the Russian frontier in Asiatic Turkey would meet with little antagonism.

These four points compose the substance of this remarkable paper, and they undoubtedly represent, as nearly as it is now possible to forecast, the programme that Russia will be likely to follow in coming to a settlement with Turkey. So far as the autonomy of Servia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina is concerned, there would be no opposition in Europe. It is certain that Austria and Germany also will never object to the consolidation of Bulgaria and Roumania into one strong province of 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 of people under the German Prince CARL, the present ruler of the latter, as a compensation to the Roumanians for the gallant manner in which they have behaved at Plevna, and for the inestimable services they have rendered Russia in allowing her to use their territory as a base of operations. If Germany and Austria do not object, the sentiment of England is of little consequence. With regard to the Black Sea, the most strenuous opposition would come from England, who would see in its possession by Russia a fresh menace to her Asiatic possessions, and this opposition would be all the fiercer if Russia should obtain the Turkish fleet. Without a fleet, however, the Black Sea would be of little consequence to her. The liberty of the sea and the right of passage through the Straits into the Mediterranean would be only a right in name and form, if she had no fleet to guard that right, as England would be very likely to use the navigation of the Straits in such a way as to affect the interests of Russia unfavorably. That England, meanwhile, has expected some such action on the part of Russia is evidenced by her efforts to purchase the fleet of the Turks,—a transfer, however, which would undoubtedly become the subject of diplomatic controversy, since it would pour millions of money into the depleted treasury of the Turks, and might enable them to prolong the war. It is not impossible, therefore, that the question of the fleet and its disposition may yet become the most vital point in the issue of peace or further war.

DISTRESS-WARRANTS AND EXEMPTIONS.

As THE TRIBUNE predicted, the public resentment at the manifold outrages committed by landlords' agents and Constables in serving distress-warrants is operating to create a public sympathy for Miss MCKEE, which will probably lead to her acquittal for the killing of Constable MCELLIGOTT. This cannot be prevented; but the sanctity of human life should restrain those who now seek to make the unjust law a provocation for pursuing the same desperate course that Miss MCKEE adopted. The law cannot be amended in the way we have heretofore suggested, nor in any other way, till the meeting of another Legislature; but in the meantime the Justices of the Peace can do much to prevent its perversion, and the outrages practiced under its cover, by pointing out in every instance the protection to which tenants are entitled under the law, and exercising even extra-legal authority to keep the costs within a reasonable limit. The debtor on account of rent, as well as every other claim, is entitled to an exemption of $100 of personal property, if a single person; if the head of a family, and living with the family, the law provides an additional exemption of $300, or $400 in all; and in both cases the debtor is allowed to make a selection of what shall be exempt under these restrictions. This provision of the law, there is reason to believe, is utterly ignored in nine cases out of ten where warrants are served. There can be no lawful collection under the warrant without the issue of a judgment, and henceforth every Justice of the Peace who gives judgment should be at special pains to inform the defendant, either verbally if defendant appears before him, or in the judgment itself in case of default, just the amount of protection to which the defendant is entitled. Every Justice who shall hereafter fail to take this precaution, and every Justice who shall neglect to exercise his influence to prevent the collection of exorbitant fees, either by Constables or landlords' agents, must take upon himself some of the moral responsibility if shooting or violence results from the abuse. It is too much to hope for any reform or decency among the Constables as a class, or among those men who are in the habit of acting as agents in distraining for rent; but the Justices are supposed to be more reputable men, and, as they are pretty nearly absolute in their domain, they may construe the law in favor of fairness, as well as in favor of injustice and brutality. They can exact a schedule of the property; they can enforce the legal exemptions; they can compel a proper notice of sale; and they can prevent the sharks from eating up the property seized by outrageous charges for expressage, storage, watching, etc. Public attention has now been so generally aroused to the abuses under this law that every Justice who shall fail to exert himself in behalf of the fair treatment of the debtors for rent who come before him may expect to be held personally responsible for his neglect.

CRIMINAL INJUSTICE IN CHICAGO.

There is something fatally defective about the administration of criminal law in Cook County. Let us recall a few instances that have occurred within the last few days.

A week or two ago a negro named AL SMITH was tried for murder and convicted. The case against him was clear, and his crime peculiarly atrocious. SMITH was making threats to shoot a barkeeper and brandishing a revolver about, when a man stepped up to him with the purpose of pacifying him. SMITH turned upon the peacemaker and shot him dead. The jury brought in a verdict of murder, which should have been followed by sentence and execution. But the Judge granted a new trial, and the State's Attorney, rather than go over the trial again, accepted a plea of manslaughter. The result was a sentence of fourteen years, which at best means only a little more than seven years, counting the time allowed for good behavior, and which may mean only two or three years if an Executive pardon shall intervene. In other words, a man who ought to be hanged, under the law, escapes with about as much punishment as is meted out to a poor devil who steals an overcoat.

Take the case of FRANK SHEPPARD, who killed Police-Officer MCARTHUR. The officer saw two men going into a lumber-yard. One seemed to be sober, the other drunk. Pretty soon one of them came running out, crying that he had been cut with a knife. Officer MCARTHUR stepped into the yard to investigate the matter, and then SHEPPARD stabbed him to death. It was a cold-blooded, brutal murder; but the jury, finding the man guilty, fixed the sentence at twenty-five years in the Penitentiary. Of course, a motion for a new trial was entered, and it will probably be granted if Judge MCALLISTER continues on the Criminal Bench. In any event, this murderer will serve out a few years in the Penitentiary, and then he will either be pardoned, or, serving one or two years longer, the "good time" allowed him will reduce his term to that allotted for common felony.

Take the case of JOHN GARRITY, the notorious rough, bully, and jail-bird, who is a terror in the community, and should be kept chained up during the term of his natural life. He was finally indicted for assault with intent to kill, after having made fifty such assaults. But he was almost immediately released on straw bail. When this trick was exposed, another capias was issued for him as much as a week ago. The officers sought him in all his well-known resorts and dives, but could not find him. He had evidently been forewarned, and managed to keep out of the way. But on Friday this bully, as if conscious of success, walked into the Criminal Court room, told the Judge he would give new bail in a few days, and was permitted to walk coolly out of the court-room again, and may be heard of to-night as having murdered or assaulted somebody else. If Judge MCALLISTER was satisfied GARRITY's present bail is worthless, why did he allow him to walk off again? If not convinced his present bail is worthless, why did he issue a new capias and order him to get new bail? The probability is, that GARRITY will not even be brought to trial.

Take another and less important case. There is a young girl named EMMA HANSON, who is said to be a street-walker and of bad character. Justice MORRISON, who says the girl has been brought before him many times, finally sentenced her to six months in the Bridewell. Justice MORRISON is well known for his leniency, and is the last man to do an injustice to an arrested person. Nevertheless, Judge MCALLISTER ordered the release of this girl on the statement of the mother, who is said to be fully aware of the bad character of the daughter.

All these are cases that have come to light during the last three or four days, and the same length of time usually develops as many. Such an administration of the criminal law of Chicago is a standing menace to the safety and welfare of the community. It will be well for the next Legislature to inquire whether the practice of changing the Criminal Judge every three months in Cook County is not a vicious one. There are certain men who, no matter how excellent Judges or thorough lawyers they may be, are constitutionally unfitted to preside over a criminal tribunal; and Chicago and Cook County are suffering too severely by ignoring this fact.

CONGRESSIONAL QUARRELS.

Senator CONKLING's defiance of Senator GORDON, in the debate of Friday, will not lead to serious consequences. But it recalls the important fact that the Senator from New York is one of the readiest men with his fists that have been in Congress for many years. When he sat in the Lower House he was recognized as the most accomplished pugilist in that body, with the sole exception of JOHN MORRISSEY; and, though he has not been in perfect training since his promotion to the Senate, his physical prowess has earned him the respect of his political adversaries. He had good reason, therefore, to answer sharply the impertinent remarks of Senator GORDON. He knew that, if the worst came, he might, as the challenged person, name boxing-gloves as his weapons, and give his opponent a lesson in the mysteries of the "counter" which he would not soon forget. In the interests of humanity, we rejoice that a slogging-mill of this description is not to take place; but it would be useless to deny that the cause of science loses everything that humanity gains by the peaceable arrangement of the quarrel.

The times have been that Congressmen fought smartly on less provocation than that offered in the debate of Friday. A quarrel then meant something more than a display of fisticuffs. First among the Congressional brawlers, in point of originality and time, was MATTHEW LYON, who attacked GRISWOLD, of Connecticut, with a fire-shovel during the open session in 1798. Contemporary records assert that this was one of the most interesting differences of opinion ever seen in the House, but the chronicler neglects to say which one of the combatants carried off the honors of the occasion. There were in those early days also many challenges between eminent statesmen for words spoken in and out of Congress. DEWITT CLINTON fought a duel with JOHN SWARTHOUT in 1802, and another with Gen. DAYBROUK, of New Jersey, in 1803. The famous duel between HAMILTON and BURR occurred in 1804. HENRY CLAY fought the first time with HUMPHREY MARSHALL in 1808, and the second time with JOHN RANDOLPH in 1826, vindicating in this manner his honor against the statement that his vote for JOHN QUINCY ADAMS was "the coalition of a Puritan with a blackleg." THOMAS H. BENTON and ANDREW JACKSON both fought duels. Mr. CILLEY, of Maine, was killed in a duel by GRAVES, of Kentucky, in 1838. A number of duels and personal encounters, more or less serious, grew out of the BROOKS-SUMNER affair. Besides the physical injuries inflicted upon Mr. SUMNER, from which he never recovered, a challenge passed between ANSON BURLINGAME and BROOKS. The weapons named were rifles and the place Navy Island, above Niagara Falls. BROOKS refused to keep the appointment, alleging that it would not be safe for him to travel through the North in the then excited state of public feeling. BURLINGAME was on hand ready to proceed. He gained great popularity for his conduct in this affair; but the Puritan sense of Massachusetts, when it had time to cool, was against him, and he lost his election a few years afterwards, though not solely on this account. He had another serious encounter with KEITT, of South Carolina. BARKSDALE, of Mississippi, who assisted BROOKS in his assault upon SUMNER, was a noted fighter in his day. In one scrimmage in the House he took hold of a spittoon as an offensive weapon, and had his wig pulled off. *Punch* did the scene up in a cartoon. He was at last killed at Gettysburg. A memorable quarrel, which induced preparations for a duel, was that between JEFFERSON DAVIS and BISSELL, of Illinois. The affair fell through, but it added something to the reputation of BISSELL, who was afterwards elected Governor of Illinois, and had his title disputed on the score of his disqualification, as a party to a duel, under the law. POTTER, of Wisconsin, and PRYOR, of Virginia, had an affair of honor, which was terminated by the selection of bowie-knives as the weapons by the former. PRYOR retreated, asserting that no gentleman could fight with bowie-knives, and POTTER was known to fame as "Bowie-knife POTTER." DUER, of New York, gave the lie to MEADE, of Virginia, in debate, but no duel followed. FOOTE, of Mississippi, struck FREMONT in the ante-room of the Senate Chamber, but smoothed the matter down by an ample apology. He had a more serious difference with BENTON, upon whom he drew a revolver in the open Senate. Five men caught hold of FOOTE, and four seized BENTON. The former was disarmed, and the latter cried out: "Let the assassin shoot!" Senator BORLAND struck Census-Commissioner KENNEDY in the grounds of the Capitol; GRINNELL, of Iowa, was cowhided in the rotunda by ROUSSEAU, of Kentucky; GREELEY was knocked down by RUST in the street, offering no resistance; and there have been various other affrays, more or less momentous and disgraceful.

There have been no fatal duels among Congressmen, with the exception of the one which resulted in the death of CILLEY, already referred to. The Southerners, who in the old days were often the aggressors, failed on several occasions to make good their threats. The moment a determined resistance was offered, they found other means of accommodating their difficulties than bloodshed. The ending of several challenges in this manner at last suggested that the known scruples of Northern men, and the public sentiment against dueling at the North, encouraged the display of angry passions by the Southern members. Thereafter the exhibition of a more decided intention to resent every insult was considered a measure of self-protection, and was found effectual. Since the War, the quarrelsome spirits have come as often from one section of the country as the other. If there was any abuse of parliamentary privilege in the debate of Friday, Senator CONKLING was the guilty person. He does not seem, however, to have exceeded the bounds of decorum. The words of Senator GORDON addressed to him were insulting. In crying out, "Go on with the calendar," Senator CONKLING was following an established usage. GORDON's exclamation, "The Senator from New York is issuing orders to the Chair," was, under the circumstances, an impertinence. Senator CONKLING had a right to say, as he did, that GORDON's statement was untrue. But neither Senator has been foolish enough to carry the matter farther, they having settled their differences yesterday amicably in executive session.

The question of monetizing silver is discussed by its opponents as if it were a proposition to introduce something new in American coinage, and to establish a new legal-tender hitherto unknown. The silver dollar was named in the first act providing for an American coinage, and that dollar was made the unit of value, and remained so from 1793 to 1873. It was abolished so secretly that President GRANT, eight months after he had signed the law, wrote to a friend expressing his regret that the coinage of the silver dollar was not progressing as it ought to be, and then learned for the first time that the coinage had been prohibited by law. In 1875 Gov. HAYES, now President, in all his speeches in Ohio in the memorable campaign with ALLEN, advocated a resumption of specie payments, and the payment of all our debts in "gold *and* silver." He was not then aware, though two years and a half had elapsed since the act had passed, that silver had been demonetized and the coinage of silver had been prohibited. The fact that silver had been demonetized seems to have been unknown to persons from all parts of the country who took part in that campaign; had it been known, the Democrats would have made such use of the fact that the election, in all probability, would have resulted otherwise. The coinage of the silver dollar was prohibited in 1873, and its legal-tender character repealed in 1874; neither fact was generally known until late in 1875, so in reality but two years have elapsed since the wrong has taken any practical shape. The motion to restore it is, therefore, nothing new; it is not the introduction of any new principle or policy; it is simply to correct a great wrong, or a blunder, and to give to silver the rank and money value it has had in this country since 1793.

The gold value of the 412½-grains silver dollar to-day is a fraction over 90 cents. In the meantime, the gold value of the greenback dollar is about 97 cents. If the country could be quite sure that, by remonetizing the 412½ silver dollar, its value would rise to or exceed that of the greenback dollar, there would be no reasonable objection to it. But "there's the rub."—*Journal.*

If the paper dollar, which has no intrinsic value at all, is, by reason of being made a legal-tender, worth 97½ cents, why should not the silver dollar, which has an intrinsic value of 92 cents, upon being made a legal-tender become worth as much as the paper dollar? Demonetize the paper dollar, and it will be worth about four cents a pound; the silver dollar demonetized is worth 92 cents; monetize the silver dollar, and why should it not be worth as much as the paper dollar?

According to official returns made to the Bureau of Statistics, there arrived at the port of New York during the month of November, 1877, 4,745 immigrants, of whom 2,797 were males and 1,948 were females. In addition to the immigrants, 2,221 passengers arrived, of whom 1,949 were citizens of the United States and 272 sojourners. The countries from which the immigrants took shipping for the United States were: England, 841; Scotland, 153; Wales, 10; Ireland, 605; Germany, 1,588; Austria, 192; Sweden, 121; Norway, 42; Denmark, 36; France, 178; Switzerland, 98; Spain, 40; Italy, 279; Holland, 46; Belgium, 14; Russia, 410; Poland, 11; Hungary, 54; Greece, 3; Nova Scotia, 9; Cuba, 4; St. Croix, 2; Jamaica, 2; China, Mexico, Guatemala, United States of Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, and British India, 1 each.

The alleged whirligig of time does not always bring its alleged revenges. Mr. BANCROFT DAVIS, ex-Minister to Berlin, who has just been appointed Judge of the Court of Claims, was for eight years previous to the War the American correspondent of the London *Times*. He resigned that position because, after the outbreak of hostilities, the *Times* insisted that his letters should be tinctured with sympathy for the Confederate cause. On the other hand, the man BAXTER, who has just been made Judge of the Fifth District, is said to have proposed during the War to buy up the entire Northern press. He was a rabid Secessionist.

It is said that, before the fall of Plevna, OSMAN Pasha and Gen. GOURKO had more than one pleasant communication. The Russian General once sent OSMAN a polite message, accompanied by several numbers of the London *Times* containing reflections on the certain fall and surrender of the town. To this the Turkish General replied, thanking him for his courtesy, and adding that he would have plenty of time to read the copies of the paper inclosed before the opening of the spring campaign. But the events of the last few days have shown OSMAN that he was a little "off" in his calculations.

Mr. BOWLES is the latest and one of the most conspicuous instances of the successful effect of the obituary treatment. Since the newspapers got his obituary into type ten days ago, he has been growing stronger, and if they don't distribute the type too soon he will recover. The grape cure, the milk cure, blue-glass, koumiss, electric pads, and pitch-plasters are as nothing compared with the effect of a few hundred columns of leaded minion biographical sketches left standing on the galleys of a hundred newspaper offices.

We do hope, O so sincerely, that the efforts now being made by the solid men of Boston to save the Old South will be successful. If that venerable relic of the Revolution should be torn down, the loss to the old-clo' merchants and green-grocers, who can now advertise, "Go to the Old South for your $2 pants," or, "Beans, cheap, in the sacred shade of the Old South," would be irreparable.

Manager MCVICKER, in his eager anxiety to reform the modern society-drama, proposes to dress his little stage-fairies hereafter in pull-backs, in order to conceal what he modestly terms their "le—understandings." He can rest assured that the public will not object so long as managers do not extend the application of this rule to their adult actresses.

"My children," said the old Commodore, as they gathered around his dying bed and with tears in their eyes wondered how much he would leave, "I must now depart and leave behind me my wealth. I have accumulated 'bout a hundred millions." "How clear his head is! Wonderful man!" said the family, in chorus. "There are many of you, and I must make provision for you all." "How remarkable that he should retain his mental faculties to the end!" said the chorus. "Perhaps you do not understand me; maybe I am wandering," said the moribund man. "Oh, no, not at all; your great powers of mind were never so conspicuously manifested." "Then, I shall leave $25,000,000 to my son WILLIAM——" "Mad as a March hare!" "Poor, helpless, driveling old idiot!" cried the other heirs, and fled to retain lawyers at once.

Some one with no soul for oysters has started a malicious report that many of the oysters this season, when their shells are first opened, look as if they had been engaged in a heated family quarrel. But that cannot be true, for DUBURRE, in his great work on molluscs, distinctly says that the oyster has never been known to "get on his ear."

The City Council of San Jose, Cal., recently adopted a by-law forbidding the interment in the cemetery of "criminals, prostitutes, and Chinese"; then, to prove that they were not moved to such action by selfish motives, added, "or disreputable persons."

At the New York public schools, since last Thursday, when a pupil is asked, "Who is President of the United States?" and answers, "Mr. HAYES," the master bats him over the head with a slate, and says, "No, you infernal ignoramus; it's Mr. CONKLING."

The best description of a leading editorial in the New York *Herald* ever written is contained in TENNYSON's "In Memoriam," where the poet speaks of

——the schoolboy heat,
And wild hysterics of the Celt.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

For the Edification of All Readers of The Tribune.

The Changes Rung in Different Keys and Various Measures.

Of all public days Christmas should be free from questionable observance, and yet from its origin until a comparatively recent period it has been characterized by carols and celebrations unworthy of its character. It was established by the issuance of spurious decretals in the second century; during the dark ages the orgies by which it was celebrated were unworthy of heathen nations, and not until the time of the Saxon Kings did its emancipation begin. Even then, as a holiday, it was little less than a beastly carnival. It's decrease as a mere holiday and increase as a day of gift-bestowal has been gradual but sure, until now it has become the happiest day of the year. Probably nothing shows the gradual march of morality more than the purification of Christmas festivities, and, as compared with "Merrie England" a century ago, America has much cause for satisfaction. With its accustomed energy Chicago enters joyously upon the observance of the day and bestows its gifts, extends congratulations, and decorates the home. The throngs upon the streets for days in advance indicate this, and the following well-known firms are receiving marked attention:

MESSRS. JANSEN, M'CLURG & CO.

The fact that this firm carry the largest stock of fine books west of the seaboard increases, rather than diminishes, their ability to carefully serve all, whether purchasers desire a child's primer or the most elaborate work. Their stock is virtually exhaustless, and it contains very many rare volumes impossible to duplicate in America. Among the curiously beautiful books for gifts look at the English Moore's Melodies, superbly illustrated, and the American Gathering of the Lilies. Among the standard books notice the splendid London sets of Tennyson, and Mrs. Jameson's Art Works in tree calf and morocco. These are fine samples of the high character of their large stock.

MESSRS. SCHWEITZER & BEER,

have a fine collection of toys freshly made and choice in design. Messrs. Schweitzer & Beer, while possessing everything that has been invented for the amusement of the childish mind, know just where to find any article in their stock, and also how to suggest proper presents for those who are in doubt. Their display is a marvel of ingenious taste, and is admired by a constant crowd.

MESSRS. GILES, BRO. & CO.

Mark Twain never could buy a pocket-knife, owing to the vast number of shining blades from which his wandering judgment was obliged to choose. Adults often experience a similar difficulty, but it is, in many cases, owing to a defective arrangement of the goods themselves. A striking exception to this confusion, however, is the large jewelry stock of Messrs. Giles, Bro. & Co., for, although so vast in its proportions, it is so systematically and carefully arranged as to generate harmony in the mind rather than confusion. Holiday purchasers are often at great loss as to what selections should be made, but the fine array at Nos. 266 and 268 Wabash avenue tends to counteract this influence, while it harmonizes the minds of both giver and recipient.

MESSRS. STEELE & PRICE.

No. 110 Randolph street, have undoubtedly one of the most attractive retail departments for the display of their holiday goods in this country. This firm has been known for many years as manufacturers of the most reliable perfumes, baking powder, and flavoring extracts in America, but the opening of a retail department of such magnitude has not fully impressed itself upon the minds of the community as yet. It is a truth, however, which only requires a visit to the number above named to fully confirm, and any one who visits the place will be amply repaid for so doing. Some of the distinctive perfumes which have made Dr. Price's name so famous are Alsatia Bouquet, Lily of the Valley and Evening Violet. These delicate and refined perfumes, together with satchets, are put up in elegant caskets, and form a most attractive present for adults of either sex. A tour of the various places in which Santa Claus has stored his goods is incompicte unless it includes Messrs. Steele & Price's attractive store, No. 110 Randolph street.

H. M. KINSLEY

is known universally to all older citizens of Chicago, and his reputation as an artistic caterer is unexcelled. To those who have never been so fortunate as to obtain his services, we can say that in all respects he shows that ability, familiarity with details, and knowledge of what is required which only come from natural qualities and long experience. To be relieved of all care at a party, reception, or other large gathering is worth everything to either host or hostess, and this Mr. Kinsley does entirely. He is centrally located at No. 66 Washington street.

A. H. MILLER,

the jeweler, is to celebrate his twenty-second Christmas anniversary as a Chicago business man the present season. A successful celebration requires pleasant surroundings, and Mr. Miller has these to perfection. At his elegant store on the northeast corner of State and Monroe streets is a display of jewelry and silverware which is dazzling to any eyes, and forms a palatial setting for a holiday celebration. Mr. Miller's peculiar fitness as a jeweler and his qualities of judgment and taste have long ago commended him to the Chicago public, and his present position is one which enables him to serve them as acceptably as ever heretofore.

DUNWELL & FORD.

This firm, located at No. 52 Madison street, is composed of two young gentlemen who are becoming rapidly known for their enterprise and taste in designing and arranging every description of fine stationery and fashionable engraved work. Mr. Dunwell is a practical engraver, and attends personally to all work in this direction, while Mr. Ford possesses a knowledge of stationery which is invaluable to those desiring the latest and most approved styles.

J. KRANZ,

No. 78 State street, has an unlimited amount of choice confectionery of his own manufacture. And while this embraces caramels and other standard sweetmeats, it also includes all the more delicate varieties, such as candied fruits, bonbons, tree decorations, etc. Mr. Kranz has rare judment as a manufacturer, and his goods are of the purest quality. Church parties and Sunday schools supplied at low rates.

JOHN WILKINSON.

The growth of public æsthetic taste is perhaps shown in no way more strikingly than by the increasing passion for scroll sawing, and probably no one has contributed more extensively toward this end than Mr. John Wilkinson, located at 77 State street. The simplification which he has given to the machines and the possibilities for fine work which his arrangements and patterns have brought out, have carried scroll sawing into the realm of art and firmly established it there. A visit to his establishment is a real treat, and holiday buyers can find entertainment, profit, and valuable suggestions by calling there.

MESSRS. H. G. SAVAGE & CO.,

77 State street, successors to the Chicago Floral Company, have every variety of choice flowers, holly wreaths, trailing vines, etc., for holiday decorations, and an assortment of fancy goods.

MESSRS. MITCHELL & HATHAWAY,

158 State street, while carrying the completest line of Church publications, have also a choice assortment of those artistic articles which cultivated people select as holiday gifts. Messrs. Mitchell & Hathaway have exercised unusual taste in the selection of their goods. Such a variety is seldom found in one stock, and whether young or old are to be the recipients, gifts sure to please can be found at 158 State-st.

J. S. STOTT.

This gentleman's life-long experience has enabled him to select one of the choicest stocks of fancy goods, including albums, dressing-cases, Russia leather goods, gold pens and pencils, opera-glasses, etc. His location is 158 State-st.

COMMON SENSE.

The world has had many ages, but the era of common sense seems to be upon us. For example, several individuals are proposing to purchase a Light-Running Domestic sewing-machine as a present. The machines themselves seem to indicate perfection, and using them as presents illustrates good judgment, and, as this hint may be used, we would state that they can be obtained of B. Eldredge, 180 State street.

MESSRS. BURLEY & TYRRELL.

If any holiday gift buyer is in doubt what to select, go to Messrs. Burley & Tyrrell and all doubts will be removed very speedily. If any one cannot be suited from the extensive stock at their store, Nos. 53 and 55 State street, that person is beyond the reach of Santa Claus. Go and try it, and be convinced.

L. G. FAIRBANK.

All State street promenaders have noticed the display of art furniture made in the window of No. 122. Mr. Fairbank has done much to elevate the standard of house decoration in Chicago and deserves great credit for so doing. His stock, which is very choice, is being sold quite low, and no more sensible present could find its way into any household than something selected from Mr. Fairbank's establishment.

MESSRS. SKEEN & STUART,

No. 77 Madison street, are one of the most popular stationery firms in Chicago. Their stock is carefully selected, consisting in part of fine seal and Russia leather goods, writing-desks, fancy stationery, gold pens, ink-stands, etc.

J. J. M'GRATH.

That Mr. McGrath is unexcelled in both ability and facility for tastefully decorating a home requires only a visit to his store, Nos. 174 and 176 State street, to confirm.

KAEMPFER'S BIRD STORE,

No. 127 Clark street, has the best stock of canaries, parrots, gold fish, and aquaria west of New York. His prices are lower than ever, and his goods are suitable for holiday presents.

THE POTTER WATCH.

A great deal of interest has been excited recently among the jewelers and watchmakers of the world over the production of what is now known as the Potter watch, manufactured in Geneva, Switzerland, by Albert H. Potter & Co. The first invoice of these watches was received at Potter's (brother of the inventor), No. 90 Madison street, some three weeks ago, and have since rendered that establishment a centre of a good deal of interest, hundreds of our leading citizens embracing the opportunity to inspect them. The watch excites universal admiration, and the opinion is freely expressed by experts that it is destined to precede in popular favor every other watch known. They are, without any doubt, in principle, finish, adjustment, and performance, the finest watches in the world. Besides this wonderful horological production, Potter keeps constantly on hand the finest and largest stock of other watches in the city, and, as he deals in watches only, can and will sell at lower prices than any other house in Chicago. For jewelry go to a jeweler, but for watches go to a watch dealer.

MR. JOHNSON,

late with Matson, will assist Messrs. Hamilton-Rowe until Christmas in attending to the wants of holiday buyers. This firm will open new things every day during the coming week, and their store will remain open evenings.

Marvelous Beyond Precedent

is the effect of Sozodont upon the whole economy of the mouth, keeping the gums rosy and healthy, the teeth in perfect order, giving to the breath a balmy fragrance.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Malt Extract—Charles Pope's Celebrated malt extract is gaining rapidly in favor with the public and the medical fraternity as a health remedy and beverage of health. For sale at Gale & Blocki's drug-store, 85 South Clark street and 44 Monroe street, Palmer House.

Nothing is more conducive to the strength of the mother or health of the infant than to feed the little one Dr. Ridge's Food. It gives quiet, restful nights and pleasant days. Send for sample can. Gale & Blocki, agents, 85 South Clark street and Palmer House drug-store.

Jeffers' French Catarrh Remedy is a Warranted cure for catarrh, colds, sore throat, offensive breath, headache, asthma, and bronchitis. Sold by druggists. Sample free. Office 70 State street.

Highwines are a sure cure for rheumatism and neuralgia. All physicians prescribe it. Sold in all quantities at lowest prices by Kilian Bros., 92 South Market street.

VEGETINE.

The Great Reputation

Which Vegetine has attained in all parts of the country as a

Great and Good Medicine,

and the large number of testimonials which are constantly being received from persons who have been cured by its use, are conclusive proof of its great value. It is recommended by physicians and apothecaries. As a Blood-Purifier and Health-Restorer it has no equal.

Vegetine is not prepared for a fancy drink made from poor liquors, which debilitates the system and tends to destroy health instead of restoring it.

Are not the many testimonials given for the different complaints satisfactory to any reasonable persons suffering from disease that they can be cured? Read the different testimonials given, and no one can doubt. In many of these cases the persons say that their pain and suffering cannot be expressed, as in cases of Scrofula, where, apparently, the whole body was one mass of corruption. If Vegetine will relieve pain, cleanse, purify, and cure such diseases, restoring the patient to perfect health after trying different physicians, many remedies, suffering for years, is it not conclusive proof, if you are a sufferer, you can be cured? Why is this medicine performing such great cures? It works in the blood, in the circulating fluid. It can be truly called the *Great Blood Purifier*. The great source of disease originates in the blood; and no medicine that does not act directly upon it, to purify and renovate, has any just claim upon public attention. When the blood becomes lifeless and stagnant, either from change of weather or of climate, want of exercise, irregular diet, or from any other cause, the Vegetine will renew the blood, carry off the putrid humors, cleanse the stomach, regulate the bowels, and impart a tone or vigor to the whole body. The conviction is, in the public mind as well as in the medical profession, that the remedies supplied by the *Vegetable Kingdom* are more safe, more successful in the cure of disease, than mineral medicines. Vegetine is composed of roots, barks and herbs. It is pleasant to take, and is perfectly safe to give an infant. Do you need it? Do not hesitate to try it. You will never regret it.

VEGETINE
CANNOT BE EXCELLED,

CHARLESTOWN.

H. R. Stevens:

Dear Sir: This is to certify that I have used your "Blood Preparation" in my family for several years, and think that for Scrofula or Cankerous Humors of Rheumatic affections, it cannot be excelled; and as a blood purifier and spring medicine it is the best thing I have ever used, and I have used almost everything. I can cheerfully recommend it to any one in need of such a medicine. Yours respectfully, MRS. A. A. DINSMORE, 29 Russell-st.

VEGETINE
WHAT IS NEEDED.

BOSTON, Feb. 13, 1871.

H. R. STEVENS, Esq.:

Dear Sir: About one year since I found myself in a feeble condition from general debility. Vegetine was strongly recommended to me by a friend who had been much benefited by its use. I procured the article, and, after using several bottles, was restored to health, and discontinued its use. I feel quite confident that there is no medicine superior to it for those complaints for which it is especially prepared, and would cheerfully recommend it to those who feel that they need something to restore them to perfect health. Respectfully yours, U. L. PETTENGILL, Firm of S. M. Pettengill & Co., No. 10 State-st. Boston.

VEGETINE.
All Have Obtained Relief.

SOUTH BERWICK, Me., Jan. 17, 1872.

H. R. STEVENS, Esq.:

Dear Sir: I have had dyspepsia in its worst form for the last ten years, and have taken hundreds of dollars' worth of medicine, without obtaining any relief. In September last I commenced taking the Vegetine, since which time my health has steadily improved. My food digests well, and I have gained fifteen pounds of flesh. There are several others in this place taking Vegetine, and all have obtained relief. Yours truly, THOMAS E. MOORE, Overseer of Card Room, Portsmouth Co.'s Mills.

VEGETINE
Prepared by
H. R. STEVENS, Boston, Mass.

Vegetine is Sold by All Druggists.

ALBUM OF MUSIC.

FOR SALE AT W. W. KIMBALL'S

PIANO WAREROOMS,

COR. STATE & ADAMS-STS.

BOUND IN CLOTH AND GOLD. 160 PAGES 10x14. VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL.

40 PIECES NEWEST MUSIC,

Including Wagner's Ring of the Nibelungen; the four latest Strauss Waltzes; 2d Rhapsodie Hongroise; La Petite Mariee; La Creole; Let Me Dream Again; Rose Marie; Flying Dutchman, and 32 other pieces by the best composers, all for $1.

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Established 1835.

C. CAVAROC & SON,

IMPORTERS OF

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179 & 181 WABASH-AV.,

CHICAGO,

And 38 & 40 Decatur-st., New Orleans.

We beg leave to announce that we are prepared to fill orders for choice Imported Wines, Brandies, Liquors, etc., etc., either in casks, half casks, and cases, 12 quarts, or 24 pint bottles, etc. Our facilities for importing Wines, etc., are unsurpassed by any house in the United States. Our parent house in New Orleans, established in 1835 and continued up to the present time, is, we think, a sufficient guarantee of the reliability of our importations.

We shall constantly keep on hand a full assortment of the choicest brands, and shall be pleased to see you when you desire anything in our line.

WE ARE

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FOR

GEORGE GOULET, REIMS Champagne.

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DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED

Cigars

Inspection cordially invited, as we feel assured that a comparison of our goods with those of other houses will demonstrate the superiority of what we offer.

We import direct every article we sell, and guarantee absolute satisfaction in price.

SEND FOR PRICE LIST.

C. CAVAROC & SON,

179 & 181 Wabash-av.,

PALMER HOUSE.

CLOAKS, SHAWLS, Etc.

IMMENSE BARGAINS!

For the Holidays.

The following are only a few of the Great Bargains we will offer this week. It will pay everybody intending to purchase anything in our line to call and examine our stock and prices before spending their money elsewhere.

CLOAKS.

150 Cloaks, made of Chinchilla Beaver, to be closed out at $2.50, $3.50, $4, $4.50, $5, $6, $6.50, and $7. Without doubt these are the cheapest Cloaks ever offered to the public.

175 Beaver Cloaks, nicely trimmed, to be closed out at $7, $8, $10, $12, $15, $18, and $20.

100 Matelasse Cloaks, nicely trimmed, and 40 to 48 inches long, to be closed out at $10, $12, $14, $16, $18, and $20.

SHAWLS.

10,000 Wool Shawls, latest patterns, to be closed out at $2, $3, $4, $5, $6, $7, $8, and $10.

185 Black Cashmere Shawls, single, from $2 and upwards.

100 Double Cashmere Shawls, $5 and upwards.

350 Single Paisley and Broche Shawls, $5, $6, $8, $10, $12, $15, $18, and $20.

275 Double Paisley and Broche Shawls, $10, $12, $15, $16, $18, $20, $25, $30, and $35.

FURS.

500 Children's and Misses' Sets to be closed out at 50, 75, 85c, $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2, $2.50, and $3.

350 Ladies' Alaska Mink and French Seal Sets to be closed out at $3.50, $4, $4.50, $5, and $6.

175 genuine Mink Muff and Boa to be closed at $10, $12, $15, $18, $20, and $25.

N. B.—Our Store will be open for business every evening till 9 o'clock, and Saturdays and Christmas Eve till 10 o'clock.

New York Store,

284 & 286 West Madison-st.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

HOLIDAY GIFTS!

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Open Evenings Until Christmas.

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MARBLE PAPER AND CARDS.

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Or Milk-Wine, a delicious, sparkling beverage of wonderful restorative power, especially beneficial in dyspepsia and general debility. When medicine has failed to restore your health, try Kumyss. It is nature's richest nourishment and most rational tonic. Nature does not make flesh and blood from drugs, therefore, throw physic to the dogs,—drink Kumyss. The renown of my Kumyss, earned within the last three years, has caused numerous imitations to appear. Beware of these unwholesome compounds. Send for circulars. A. AREND, Chemist, 179 Madison-st., centre of block.

KUMYSS.

The best Kumyss is made at PEUSER'S PHARMACY, corner Madison-st. and Fifth-av. at $4 per doz.

FINANCIAL.

CITY OF CHICAGO
WATER BONDS FOR SALE.

The City of Chicago will issue on Jan. 1, 1878, 100 Water Loan Bonds of the denomination of one thousand ($1,000) dollars each ($100,000) bearing date Jan. 1, 1878, payable 20 years from their date, with interest at 6 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually; both principal and interest payable in New York City.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of the whole or any portion of the above until Saturday, Dec. 22, 1877, at 3 o'clock p. m., the right being reserved to purchase on behalf of the city for use of Sinking Funds say 35 bonds ($35,000), or to reject any or all bids.

Envelopes containing bids must be marked "Proposals for City Bonds."

Bonds to be delivered and paid for on or before Jan. 2, 1878.

J. A. FARWELL, Comptroller.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR SALE

In sums of £1 Sterling and upwards by the

HIBERNIAN BANKING ASSOCIATION.

TOILET SOAPS.

FOR SALE.

1,000 DOZEN TOILET SOAPS at 35c a dozen, worth $1 a dozen, at "THE FAIR," corner State and Adams-sts.

RIFLES.

PEABODY-MARTINI RIFLES,

Sporting, Long-Range, and Military, manufactured by the Providence Tool Co. 350,000 of the Military Rifles now in use in the Turkish army. For sale by

S. H. & E. Y. MOORE,
Agents of Providence Tool Co.,
68 Lake-st., Chicago.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

STEIN'S DOLLAR STORE!

OUR SALES

Are double those of any previous year, which accounts for our having a larger and better assortment of

HOLIDAY GOODS

Than ever before shown at such remarkably

LOW PRICES.

Don't fail to see them. Come early and avoid the rush.

106 East Madison-st.

Christmas Gifts.

TILE FLOWER BOXES,

BLACK WALNUT FRAMES.

TILE TEA-POT STANDS. METAL FRAMES.

Having received from the manufacturer an overstock of Frames for Flower-Boxes, I have been ordered to close them out at once without regard to cost.

Regular Price of Frames	$6.00
Cost of Frames and Linings	4.50
Will Sell at	3.75

I will also make a reduction on prices of Tile for the Holiday.

CHAS. L. PAGE, Agent,

IMPORTER OF MINTON HOLLINS & CO.'S

TILES For FURNITURE, MANTELS, HEARTHS, VESTIBULES, &c., &c.

JACKSON AND DEARBORN-STS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Elegant Silver-Plated Tea Set, Full Cabinet Singer Sewing-Machine; 100 Standard Books, by the best authors, binding and illustrations very handsome; the entire furniture of house, consisting in part of Brussels Carpets, Parlor, Dining-Room, and Chamber Sets, all of the best; Lambrequins, Mirrors, Kitchen Ware, etc., etc., left on my hands for small advances, and must be turned into cash.

Will sell whole or any part of the above.

G. H. WALKER,
Room 5, 184 Dearborn-st.

CARRIAGES.

C. P. KIMBALL & CO.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following

IMPORTANT CARD:

My old firm of COAN & TEN BROEKE having ceased to manufacture and repair Carriages, I take pleasure in saying to you that Messrs. C. P. KIMBALL & CO. have in connection with their large

CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY

and Salesrooms at 370 and 372 Wabash-av., organized a first class REPAIRING DEPARTMENT with the very best facilities for doing all kinds of carriage work promptly and well. The long experience of Messrs. KIMBALL & CO. in the manufacture of fine Carriages, and the excellent system of their establishment, will insure the best of work at reasonable prices, and warrants me in thoroughly recommending them to my old friends and customers. Yours truly,

Chicago, Dec. 1, 1877. C. O. TEN BROEKE.

FURS.

A. BISHOP & CO.

(Successors to BISHOP & BARNES),

MANUFACTURERS OF and DEALERS IN

LADIES' AND GENTS'

Furs and Hats.

Ladies' Seal Sacques a Specialty.

164 State-st.,

COR. MONROE.

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We are the only Western House that has a Full Line of

Jos. Rodgers & Son's,

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Fancy Pocket Knives, Scissors, Scissors in Cases, Razors, and Fancy Cutlery Cases for Holiday Gifts.

CLUB SKATES

From 75c upwards.

PRIBYL BROS.,

58 State-st., Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL.

MRS. DR. KECK,

The successful lady doctor of CATARRH AND CONSUMPTION, is now in this city. She wants to make known to those suffering with DEAFNESS that she is able to cure the worst of cases from one to fifty years' standing.

She leaves Tuesday night for her Home Office, Davenport, Ia.

SULPHO-CARBOLATE OF SODA.

SULPHO-CARBOLATE OF SODA,

(As prescribed by the late Dr. G. D. Beebe.)

Prepared and sold only by

L. A. BEEBE, 58 State-st.

NOTICE.

FUN

For the Little One on NEWS STANDS.

NEW HOLIDAY GOODS.

EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY SALE!

HAMILTON, ROWE & CO.

Have just taken out of Bond, and will open on Monday Morning, an incomparable lot of

MUSICAL BOXES, OPERA GLASSES, CLOCKS, ORNAMENTS,

And other Rich Foreign Goods suitable for Christmas Souvenirs.

Fresh, superb new things will be forwarded to them every day during the coming week, and by securing an extra force of competent salesmen for the occasion, their patrons may rely upon the best attention.

OPEN EVENINGS.

99 STATE-ST., corner Washington.

CARPETS.

CARPETS.

We offer for sale THIS WEEK 100 pieces Tapestry Brussels Carpet at 85c per yard. This is the finest line ever offered in this city at the price.

HOLLISTER & GORHAM,

221 & 223 State-st.

HOLIDAY BOOKS.

THE LILIES.

The Gathering of the Lilies—Illustrated by the Author, L. Clarkson, author of "Violet with Eyes of Blue," with splendid colored plates. Price $4.00.

The Gathering of the Lilies—"At the very head of the lovely gift-books of the season, we must place the 'Gathering of the Lilie.'"—*The Advance.*

The Gathering of the Lilies—"Each illustration vies with the other in beauty and sweetness of design, and in delicacy of execution. There is one garland composed of lilies and fairies where the grace and tinting are simply exquisite."—*The Times.*

The Gathering of the Lilies—"The illustrations of Miss Clarkson's book are its loveliest feature. They combine flowers of the field and flowers of the flesh in exquisitely graceful figures. The bouquets forming the background for the initial letters are arranged with a skill amounting to a fine art."—*The Tribune.*

The Gathering of the Lilies—"By far the most beautiful holiday book we have seen. * * * The water-color illustrations are of exquisite beauty; all the pictures, in short, are gems, while the poems, if not entirely without fault, are nevertheless fully entitled to their brilliant setting."—*The Standard.*

The Gathering of the Lilies will disappoint no one in search of a beautiful and attractive gift-book at moderate price. It is beautifully illustrated, and very beautifully bound. Price in cloth, extra gilt, $4.00; or, in Turkey morocco, extra, $8.00. Mailed on receipt of price by

JANSEN, McCLURG & CO.,
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Another Novelty!

CARDS for persons going out of mourning. New and Neat.

PAPER and ENVELOPES for those going out of mourning.

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AN EARLY VISIT TO

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WILL PAY YOU THIS WEEK.

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MORGAN PARK MILITARY ACADEMY

Morgan Park, Cook Co., Ill.

A first-class Preparatory School for Boys. Next session begins Jan. 3, 1878. Send for catalogue to either of the Principals at Morgan Park, or Room 5 Methodist Church Block, Chicago, Ill.

Capt. ED. N. KIRK TALCOTT.
HENRY T. WRIGHT, A. M.,
Associate Principals.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WILSON'S,

119 Twenty-second-st., is the place to get your Gas Fixtures, Drop Lights, Fancy Shades, and Globes of all kinds. You can save time and money by calling and buying of us.

POSTAL.

We have a full supply of Postal Buttons. Special attention paid to getting up Postal Garments.

A. D. TITSWORTH & CO.,
186 Clark-st.

DISSOLUTION.

Public notice is hereby given that the firm of Daegling & Messersmith is this day dissolved. All moneys due the firm to be receipted for in the firm name and collected by LOUIS L. DAEGLING.

FUN

For the Little One on NEWS STANDS.

JANNOTTS' LAUNDRY

is now re-established at the old number, 974 Wabash-av., near Twenty-second-st., prepared to work in the best manner at lowest prices.

FLOUR—Reduction extraordinary. The very best St. Louis white winter wheat; extra choice Daisy, delivered, $7.25; best patent, $8; best spring, $6.25. LANDSBERG & CO., 143 S. Halsted-st. Union Market corner Twenty-sec'd and Indiana-av. 443 N. Clark, cr. Division.

WATCHES AND JEWELRY.

NOTICE.

Messrs. N. MATSON & Co. will keep open evenings until Christmas. Their display of elegant and durable articles for Christmas Gifts was never so superb. They now sell all goods at a smaller per cent of profit than other merchants. Purchasers will promote their interest to examine for themselves.

State and Monroe-sts.

Watches and Jewelry.

18-karat Plain Rings at 90 cts. per dwt.!
14-karat Vest and Guard Chains at 90c per dwt.
Sterling Silver Forks and Spoons at $1.20 per oz.
Fine Diamonds 25 per ct less than current prices.
Fine Watches and Jewelry consigned from Bankrupt Stocks 50 per cent less than value!

AT

Goldsmid's Loan and Bullion Office,

99 East Madison-st.

For this week only! Stock cannot be duplicated!

CROCKERY, CHINA, Etc.

BARGAINS at RETAIL.

Before the Holidays we offer our new and complete stock of

French & English Dinner and Tea Sets, Vases, Statuettes, Motto Coffees & Teas Rich Bohemian Glassware, Cologne Sets, Punch Bowls, Parian and Lava Ware, Majolica, Plated Goods, Cutlery, &c.,

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SAN FRANCISCO.

Premonitory Symptoms of the Approach of Christmas.

Rumor that the Palace Hotel Will Be Sold to the Government.

Uncle Sam Has His Eye on It for Post-Office Purposes.

The Low Will Case---Some Ugly Developments.

An Avoirdupois Trouble---Effect of the Glorious Climate on Ladies.

Theatrical Gossip---The Thorne Brothers---Close of the California Theatre.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Christmas seems to begin with Dec. 1, for the Christmas shopping begins on that date. The shutters are then put up at 9 in the evening instead of 6 in the afternoon. About this time wives invite their husbands for an evening promenade, and, after much perambulation, wind up before a gas-lit window, where the bauble which has caught her eye has been placed by the obliging salesman according to pre-arrangement.

The premonitory toots of the tin horn begin Dec. 1, and the balloon-man, the jumping-man, and others of kindred occupation, begin to engage in active business on the street corners.

Christmas shopping, however, to be keenly enjoyed, must be done in atrociously bad weather. Waterproofs, rubbers, and umbrellas should be component parts of it. Buffeting with the elements gives a sparkle to the eye and a rose to the cheek of the women. It warms the blood and opens the heart.

Our weather just now is ominously fair.

It is crisp, clear, and cold, and the wind fights shy of the warm South.

A BIG POST-OFFICE.

The inmates of the Palace Hotel have been much unsettled of late by the rumor that Senator Sharon was about to dispose of that vast structure by selling it to the Government for a Post-Office, military headquarters, Circuit Court rooms, etc.

The 600 guests who are now sheltered beneath its roof immediately began to consider the availability of other accommodations.

The other hotels quite as promptly raised their prices.

In fact, the shifting schedule of prices is quite a feature of California hotel-life. When the Palace Hotel was about to be opened, every other hotel reduced its rates. When the Palace Hotel did open, its prices were so high that it did not deplete the other houses to any extent, so they immediately raised again. When the Palace found it could not fill up, and the Baldwin was upon the threshold of completion, the Palace also fell into fashion and reduced its figures.

As it is now, people pay all sorts of prices in all the hotels. It depends altogether upon which notch of the schedule marked their introduction.

People who have lived in

THE PALACE HOTEL

will find it difficult to be satisfied elsewhere, the rooms are so spacious, light, and airy; the furniture, though as ugly as the mind of the designer could conceive, is so substantial and so abundant; the closets are so numerous and so deep; the baths are so roomy and ample; the windows are so wide, and light, and open; the court is such a wonderful place to sit in some time through the day everybody who is anybody is apt to be seen together with many bodies who are nobodies.

As a matter of course, the Palace is the resort of all travelers, the magnificence of its size having made it famous to the confines of civilization.

One meets a motley throng in its court, its corridors, or its elevators.

The unshakable English tourist is here in large numbers, in all lengths of jacket, and all degrees of whisker.

Occasionally there is

AN AUSTRALIAN INVASION,

when the women are known by their caps and shoes, and the men are known by the women.

Sometimes an East Indian or a Hindoo strolls into the dining-room and excites a passing comment.

Japanese students are numerous. There are artists and writers, singers and actors, and lecturers. There are famous generals, and occasionally a stray Ambassador from some of the Pacific Islands.

There are politicians in all stages, from the man who wants an office to the man who has had a big office and has been investigated and has retired.

It is rather a singular thing that, though these celebrities are in quantities, and therefore should not be remarkable, there is yet something about each and every one which prompts people to inquire, Who is she? or, Who is he?

If the Palace Hotel should be sold, no other house would become such a focus. The patronage would be scattered as before.

THE BALDWIN

would probably become the favorite hotel. What it lacks of the space and general immensity of everything in and about the Palace it makes up in its magnificence of furniture and adornment. Also its table is rarely fine. When anything is not good at the Palace they blame Chicago for it, as they claim to import the better part of the bill of fare from your city.

In that case you must have wooden hens in Chicago, for the principal flavor of a Chicago egg is sawdust.

The ultimate fate of the Palace will probably remain in considerable doubt for a time, as Mr. Sharon also submits to the consideration of the Government the Grand and Cosmopolitan Hotels and the California Theatre, of each of which he owns two-thirds.

He also invites their attention to a lot near the big hotel, so that if the Palace is not threatened with instant disruption.

A WILL CASE.

A broken will only divides interest with a murder trial in which the defendant is a woman.

The Low will case, which has quite absorbed attention during the past fortnight, does not involve a fabulous amount of property. But it is interesting for two different reasons. In the contestant, Mr. Charles A. Low, is of high social standing, and his wife is by many considered the most beautiful woman in California.

Two such adventitious circumstances give interest to almost any case.

In this instance Mr. Charles Low is seeking to break the will of his father. After having been for many years an exceedingly indulgent parent and most lavish in his gifts to his only son, the old gentleman died, leaving a will which gave his entire fortune to his wife, a lady with whom he contracted what his son is striving to prove to be an altogether unnecessary marriage.

The evidence gives some ugly developments, which people seem to consider it would be more becoming in the son to cover up.

Also, it has revealed the skeleton of the junior Low household, and caused quite a commotion thereby.

Mrs. Low is seeking to prove that his objectionable stepmother was already a wife when his father fell into her toils and married her. The dowager Mrs. Low is not only endeavoring to prove her

FREEDOM FROM MATRIMONIAL BONDAGE,

at that time, but also intrenches herself behind the claim that Mr. Low, Sr., was a broken man when she met him, and that the entire fortune was accumulated during their brief married life.

The ultimate disposition of the money is not the most interesting feature of the case.

The papers rather are devoured with avidity when the evidence expatiates most largely upon stormy domestic scenes.

The revealings of the inner life of the junior Lows have lost their point, however, as Mr. Low has studiously appeared in public ever since the story of their threatened separation with his beautiful wife by his side. The picture is calculated to dispel any idea of inharmonious life, for the lady has the face of an angel, but—

AN AVOIRDUPOIS TROUBLE.

Apropos of pretty women, a lady who is now a blonde sylph of most graceful proportions was once a sufferer to the bugbear of other San Francisco pretty women.

They don't call it obesity, nor adipose tissue, nor falling into flesh, nor getting stout, but downright fat, and downright fat it is.

It is impossible for a group of women to engage in conversation without gliding by insensible degrees to this subject.

They eye each other critically when they meet, not to see each other's dresses, but to calculate to a nicety how many pounds they have gained in weight. When an additional inch of waistband and an extra fall or two of chin comes to the share of one woman, her companions regard her with ineffable pity but a sparkle of satisfaction. When she falls away, they look upon her with keen envy.

They ask each other's weight with a pretty affectation of interest, knowing it to be a delicate question. In return, the one questioned lies with a beautiful fearlessness.

They exchange all sorts of recipes amongst each other for getting thin. One takes to Banting, another tries the Hammam baths. A third takes to violent horseback exercise.

A FAVORITE DOSE

is gulf-weed, with which one lady is reported to have reduced herself some sixty pounds.

Immediately the drug stores were besieged by groups of round, healthy, rosy women, all anxious to take the nauseating dose and suffer all the agonies of an offended stomach if it would but thin them.

But it is of no use. The glorious climate of California is stronger than any or all of these. It will exercise itself on female loveliness.

She may be as lean and scrawny as she likes until she is 25. Then the glorious climate begins to fill the hollows in her cheek. It builds additions on her chin, expands her chests, gives an extra size to her shoes and stockings, and lengthens the dressmaker's waist-measure.

She becomes ample.

Banting makes her bilious.

Steam-baths make her weak.

Horseback exercise makes her puff and blow.

Gulf-weed makes her yellow, and green, withered.

It is infinitely better to be fat.

It is a psychological study to observe a fat woman when she says that word.

AMUSEMENTS.

The theatres languish. There is almost nothing doing excepting at Baldwin's, where the "Pink Dominos" is having a most successful run.

This success is entirely due to the play itself, and not to the acting.

The change from the beautiful play of "The Danicheffs" was too sudden and violent to be advantageous to the company.

In the case of Mr. Charles R. Thorne, it has most effectually succeeded in deposing him from the pedestal to which his powerful personation of *Osip* had raised him.

The two Thornes, Edwin and Charles, are playing here as leading men of the rival theatres.

In melodrama they are vastly dissimilar. In comedy they are unmistakably chips from one block.

They are as like as two peas in situations which resemble each other.

Both brothers incline to buffoonery and burlesque in the representation of comedy, and make their points by an amount of gymnastic action that would be creditable to *Pantaloon* or *Harlequin*.

This is strange, indeed, when we consider the repressed power with which one plays, while a little flash of earnestness in his part lifts the other far above his ordinary seeming.

THE THORNE FAMILY

is pretty well represented in California. Beside the two brothers, we have Emily Mestayer, their aunt, in one theatre, William Mestayer, her son, in another.

The old folks left here not long ago, and a few Thornes not in the profession are often seen doing the theatres.

Besides these, a young step-daughter of Mr. Charles R. Thorne has made a mild and unobtrusive "first appearance on any stage" in the play of "The Danicheffs." She was given an exceedingly minor role, and did not create sufficient sensation to make any one ask who she was.

An announcement has been made in the green-room of the California Theatre to the effect that the season closes on the 22d. This hardly means closed doors, but it means a reduction of salaries and a very grave change in this favorite theatre. It has been doing a ruinous business ever since the Crane-Robson engagement. Unhappily, when it began to lose.

JOHN M'CULLOUGH

fled at the first signal of disaster, and left the ruins entirely in the hands of Mr. Barton Hill. McCullough's name was a host within itself; and although Mr. Barton Hill is an exceedingly popular gentleman, and accounted an admirable business-man, he has not been able to stay the tide of ill luck.

The closing of the California would strike genuine dismay among the theatre-goers. Its standard has always been so high, its attractions have always been so strong, and its stock company for a long time so admirable, that an idea prevailed that no matter how many theatres there were, there was, after all, but one.

They are going to give the "Black Crook" for a Christmas specialty. That seems but a sorry resource in a desperate strait.

Every one hopes they will tide over the trouble in some way. San Francisco without the California Theatre would be like a village without a post-office.

JASSARTH.

A FEMALE CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—How very independent Chicago gentlemen have become this season on the street-cars,—speaking particularly of the Wabash and Indiana avenue lines,—say at about 5 o'clock p. m. For one to proffer his seat to a lady at this time of day has become an exception rather than a rule. And there are so many noble-looking old men and fine-looking young men on these routes. It was said of them, in your complaint column last year, that they would invariably proffer their seats to a stylishly-dressed person only. Not so this season. Age, social position, nor even fine clothes make the least impression. What is the matter with them? They scarcely speak sometimes to one another, nor smile even, unless it is provoked by a sidelong or headlong plunge of the ladies, caused by some sudden movement of the car.

They make such "Wo is me" airs as "we have been on our feet all day long, and are tired;" "the ladies haven't any business to be going home at this hour." In all this great city it would be strange if there were not many mothers and sisters who have business and are ready to go home towards evening, tired and very weary too, with household and other duties. All have a right to secure seats at the turn-table, of course, and it is here the men generally obtain their seats. An instance: One day this week two ladies entered an Indiana avenue car at Washington street, a number more at Madison. There was only standing-room, and they occupied it wholly, from one door to the other. Turning suddenly on Wabash avenue, there was a plunge sideways, then forward. Once started, every lady was thrown out of position, like a row of tenpins. Of course this was amusement for the gentlemen,—all seated so serenely! But imagine the feelings of the delicate, lovely-looking old lady trying to grasp the only remaining strap, for nearly all had been broken on that side, in vain attempts to keep on her feet. At Twenty-fourth street, or near there, a gentleman—was he!—politely offered her his seat, because he was going to get out! This is only an instance apropos.

The writer said, "Conductor, do all the cars on this road jerk and switch about like this one?" "Some do. This is a small car," he replied. "How many have they like this in use?" "Fifteen." Fifteen such cars as No. 28, I thought! Then he said something about single tracks, frogs, slacking up for "them" switches; and a driver was heard to say, "This is the high-tone-dist line we got!"

I judge the ladies on that trip felt anything but high-toned, with a fine prospect every moment of receiving the fate of poor Fanny Davenport a day or two since, or, faring worse, to be precipitated into the lap of some stranger, with feelings of the utmost chagrin, and a gentle "Excuse me, sir!" Now this is not fiction, but sober truth.

Chicago has the name of being a bankrupt city from one end of it to the other, while its street-railway corporations continue to prosper. A ride over the mountains on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad can scarcely be compared to the Indiana avenue line. This is a very "umble" public not to demand sufficient cars, so that ladies—I like "women" better—can be accommodated with a seat during a ride from two to four miles. Gentlemen, I would not write too harshly,—not more than is deserved; but while we pray for improvement in this direction, do yourselves be more charitably disposed; if the "times are fearful," it costs nothing to be kind; it won't take from your pockets to give up your seat at least one half the way home, and share and share alike until these inconveniences are remedied.

FEMALE CITIZEN.

AN INGENIOUS BUILDER.

The nest of a tarantula (spider) has been found in California of the most singular construction. It is about three inches in length by two in diameter, built in adobes, the wall being nearly half an inch thick. Inside of this is a projection which nearly divides it into two apartments about an inch in diameter. The inside is lined with a white downy substance, not unlike velvet, and presents one of the cleanest and most tidy little households imaginable. But the most curious part of it is a door, which fits into an aperture and closes it hermetically. The door is secured by a hinge, formed of a like fibrous substance as the lining of the house, and upon which it swings with freedom. The nest is occupied by a dozen little tarantulas, which seem to subsist on a yellow secreted substance that appears upon the walls of the front apartment. The arrangement of the door for the protection of the little inmates indicates great instinctive architectural knowledge.

CAPITAL GOSSIP.

Thurman's Grasp upon Patterson and Conover.

Conkling Going to Squeeze the Life Out of Evarts.

The Secretary of State and the President's Financial Policy.

Ben Hill Again Explains His Position on the Silver Question.

What the Georgia Senator Thinks About the Contest in 1880.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Notwithstanding the prevailing high barometer of Congressional weather, it is not "set fair." Everything is balmy at present, and the beautiful aspect will last during the present week, but upon the reassembling after the vacation there will be storms and wars as extensive and far more portentous than the Kellogg-Butler fight. For the more aspiring of the Democrats cannot let well enough alone, and, encouraged by the disaffection in the Republican ranks, they propose to make another onslaught and capture the other branch of Congress, if possible. As the matter stands now, the Republicans have a doubtful majority of two in the Senate. The Democrats claim and the Republicans concede David Davis. But there is an opening and growing question as to the status of Senators Patterson and Conover. If they go over to the Democracy it makes a tie, which puts the power in the hands of the Vice-President and raises the question of his right to vote. Now, there is but little doubt that Patterson is, for the balance of this session at least, a Democrat. Butler has gone to South Carolina, ostensibly to secure the entry of nolles pros. in the criminal proceedings, but in reality to secure still further evidence to hold Patterson to his allegiance to the Democracy. It is certain that

PATTERSON WILL NOT GO TO THE PENITENTIARY,

but it is equally certain that neither his soul nor his vote is his own, and the Democrats count on his vote as secured by Thurman on all questions upon which the vitality of the Democracy depends. Thurman holds him by a long rope, and he will be permitted to vote on the Republican side on unimportant questions, so that in explaining his vote on other questions he can allude to his Republicanism, and claim that his apostacy is a matter of conscience. Thurman put the alternative to him fairly and squarely: either he must join the Democracy in the coming ruction or he must resign and permit Wade Hampton to appoint a Democrat. And the poor devil, looking back upon the money he had spent for his seat, promised everything he asked of him rather than be kicked out. His position is pitiful. He has not yet squared himself on the expense to which he was put to secure his election, and he is willing to do anything for the party that is willing to help him. He paid money for his seat, and has sold his vote to keep it.

And with equal confidence the Democrats look to

CONOVER'S VOTE.

It will be remembered that on the Butler case he explained that he always expressed the conviction that Butler was honestly elected, while his friends advanced the theory that Conover had personal reasons for defeating Corbin. Exactly what hold the Democracy has on Conover is not yet developed, but it is charged that he has a variety of reasons, some not altogether disconnected with dull axes, and which separate his interests from his party. Then there is the attack on Kellogg, though in his case the Democrats made a blunder. It was proposed to indict him, and by holding the proceedings over him whip him into the ranks and make the Democratic majority secure. But in Kellogg they reasoned without a prior consultation with the landlord. He has no faith in the Republican success of 1880, but he knows that it is to his interest to stand by the party until that time, and he puts more faith in Republican than in Democratic influence in Louisiana at the present juncture. It is lamentable that the Republican majority should be composed of men who must take the alternative of the Penitentiary or the Democracy, and it is equally lamentable that either is in such a condition that a man should hesitate in choosing. It does not speak well for the Southern portion of the Union.

THURMAN'S NEXT MOVE.

Upon what measure Thurman will make his next effort is not yet known. The mixture of parties on the financial questions and the differences of opinion on resumption puzzle him, so far there has been nothing introduced that will enable him to make a strict party issue and utilize the apostates. His adventurous effort on the South Carolina case was based on the principle which induced Hayes to call a special session. Hayes cared less for the Army Appropriation bill than he did for "the frog who would." His object was to feel the pulse of Congress and the country before issuing his message, and his opponents fell precipitately into the trap. Otherwise, Thurman knew how the Butler-Kellogg fight would come out, but he wanted the text and a record, and as Hayes got the reeling of the nation and the strength of his adversaries, so Thurman secured an insight into what he could expect upon. But the worst of it is that neither Thurman, nor Hayes nor Conkling, can depend upon their combinations. The President has been whipped on his New York nominations, and if I can put any faith in David Davis' half-expressed prognostications as to the fate of the Silver bill, he is slaughtered on that. Thurman holds a sort of balance of power, but he can't find any way to utilize it, while Conkling, flushed with victory over the New York appointments, dare not advance a single principle without consultation with and deference to the Democrats who helped him out. The whole business seems to be in a tertiary track. The Presidents are a long way behind. In their anxiety to secure pet projects they have given themselves away to each other, and they now stare around in surprise, wondering what will come next.

THE MEXICAN INVESTIGATION.

Still another calamity stares the Administration in the face. Conkling has secured an investigation into affairs on the Rio Grande. This will bring up Evarts as a witness, and will open a vast field for exploration into the conduct of State affairs. A lawyer is notoriously the worst witness on his own behalf that could possibly be presented. That is a legal maxim, and of all the lawyers on the face of the earth least calculated to escape unscathed under a cross-examination, Evarts is the man. A lawyer gifted with a technical mind, like Evarts', cannot answer questions categorically with any credit to himself. He would argue and split hair last grand sect, and in an argument leave such a man as Conkling without even the blessing of an undershirt. But to say "Yes," or "No" to an artfully-contrived interrogatory, or to attempt an evasion or to avoid a downright word he beyond Mr. Evarts' powers. Mentally he is a peculiarly-constructed individual. He is closely logical up to a certain point, but just as he is about to draw his conclusion, he begins to wander. He is like a man who, having an audience, starts to have off by settling the question under consideration. As far as he goes he is all right, but he gets out of breath just as he reaches the third base, and is generally put out before he gets to the home plate.

CONKLING AS AN INTERVIEWER.

New York lawyers claim that he is the most overrated man in the country. They concede his ability in the construction of insurance law, but deny that he has any sagacity beyond the realms of that class of policy. He is an affable gentleman, and all that sort of thing, and does not harm a man down to the earth by a thousand brick weight of manifest conceit, but he is too trusting and confiding for a politician, and he does not seem to have learned anything from his experience with Don Cameron on the question of the English Mission. I called upon him this morning to learn his views as to the financial plank of the President's message. There were several people ahead of me, and I watched his manner with considerable curiosity and no little amusement. A doctor had a letter, with accompanying copious explanations; and, while I could not hear the doctor's remarks, I could think the Secretary of State vociferating, "I will fight him to the end, to the bitter end. If he wants a fight I am his man." As I contemplated the thin, spare figure, and the face eminently "out of condition" for a successful mill with even a well developed girl of 14 years, I concluded that it was a mental conceit he was invoking rather than a physical effort. When he had settled the terms of combat, he turned to a fresh looking young lady who explained that her mission was for his autograph. Looking AS PLEASED AS A SCHOOLBOY,

he readily accorded the favor, and was then approached by an ancient colored gentleman who wanted a subscription for a new Methodist Church. "He gin me $20, which was better'n nuffin'," explained the superannuated exhorter to me subsequently. Then came my turn. Approaching me with an awkward bow and extending two fingers, he asked me what he could do for me. His manner was courteous rather in intention than in expression, and in the kindly look in his eyes I almost forgot his rather unfortunate appearance. Now, I knew what he would say before I went to see him, but in explaining my business I spoke very slowly and employed a circuitous method in arriving at the point, more to watch than to impress the man. When I explained that I was a newspaper reporter, he smiled a cavernous grin, but when I told him I wanted his views, his face assumed the expression of an eight-day clock with the works made of wood and the hands pointing to just about time for me to go. I asked him as to his opinions of the silver paragraph in the President's message and his views as to those sections touching on resumption.

WHAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF.

"I am in favor of whatever the President says on finance; everything, everything. Everything that the President says on finance I am in favor of; I am in perfect accord with the President's views on finance. His views on finance I agree with. There is nothing in the message on finance with which I disagree. I'm in perfect harmony with him. Good morning, sir. In perfect harmony, sir. Good morning."

I was too much pained by his manner to ask him anything further. In my younger days I had seen him before the general term of the New York Supreme Court instructing noble Judges upon the law. I had heard him advance arguments so pure, so concise and yet so simple in the method of expression used, that I, a lawyer's mere office-boy, could understand them. And yet here to-day, standing at the head of the United States Cabinet, he answered a simple question like a hired man. The gardener of the White-House gardens, as I passed through his domain, had answered my interrogatories with far more dignity and with far more confidence in the information he was furnishing.

And Mr. Evarts has been singled out as the exponent of the President's policy to meet Conkling. It is true, Conkling has had the selection, and his choice is a stab in the back of the Administration, but we can't alter established facts, and, while even Hayes' enemies would wish that a more adroit man had been dragged forth to meet the bold foghorn of New York, yet he had the selection, and naturall chose the weakest vessel on the shelf.

ANOTHER TALK WITH BEN HILL.

It may look a little odd to you, but Senator Ben Hill doesn't agree with your silver editorial of last Monday. He says the report of the interview is far more accurate than your comments thereupon. The position he will take in the Senate is, that a vast amount of misinterpretation has been put upon the law providing that the bonds "shall be paid in coin of the present standard value." This he claims does not mean "present coin," but "present standard value," and that upon the date of contraction the contract called for payment at maturity in coin worth the standard value of coin when the purchaser paid for the bonds. The Government may pay in gold, or silver, or copper, or brass tokens, so long as the value of the article used in payment would bring in the market a value of 412½ grains of silver, but less than this is like the pound of flesh without the drop of blood, utterly useless as a merchantable commodity. As to the surplus of coin, he claims that it does not exist, because an irredeemable paper currency has driven it out of the country. If you establish gold and silver at the rates they held at the time of issuing the bonds, then the debt is payable in either, but any change made in standard values subsequent to the contraction of the debt cannot affect the debt itself. He considers, though, that all present declaration as to what coin shall be used in the payment of bonds falling due twenty years from now premature, for the good of the country and commercial reason, may demand a variety of financial changes between now and the date of payment, and he opposes the fixture of a coin with a prospective value, unless it shall be of the original standard, as contingencies may arise which will depreciate or appreciate it.

AS A PROPHET.

"It seems I made a mistake in Conkling's prospects of victory," said the Senator. I have sent you Stephens' opinion of Hill as an astrologist. "I thought," he continued, "I thought Conkling was sure of a licking, but the man seems to have been stronger than I thought for, and I own up I am surprised."

Never mind, Senator, THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE never goes back on a prophet until he slips up the second time. I'll give you another chance. What is the Republican horoscope for 1880?

"The Republicans have put us Democrats in a hole. We were preparing to come before the country and denounce the nullification of a party that would perpetrate the frauds of 1876. But they have turned on us, and, by advocating hard money, have put us in the position of advocating an irredeemable paper currency, and have not only distracted the attention of the country from their frauds, but, by Jove, they've got on top."

"On what issue do the Democrats propose to go before the country?"

"I SWEAR, I DON'T KNOW.

We have made fools of ourselves, and let the Republicans steal our issue and put it up as their own. I don't see what this 'Solid South' is driving at. We haven't got any issue now."

"Then you prophesy a Republican victory for 1880?"

"I don't say that. We are an inventive party, and may hatch up something and come around all right yet. If I can straighten the party up on the financial question, we may have some show."

"Then you propose this issue: The Republicans and Democrats are on the same side of the financial question, which is the only important one; but, as the Republicans were successful in 1876, the Democrats ought to be in three years from now?"

"Not exactly that. I think the party which committed the frauds in 1870 ought to be wiped out."

"And you propose to wipe it out by accepting its reforms?"

"They ought to be our reforms; we are entitled to them."

GEN. GRANT AGAIN.

"Never mind, Senator, we may some time have rotation in reforms as well as rotation in office; in the meantime, whom do you think the Republicans will put forward as the exponent of their principles? Is it the efficient correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* looks hopefully toward Gen. Grant."

"And I think Grant will be the man. I tell you, sir, I have no doubt that Grant will be nominated on the hard money platform. Everything is pointing in that direction. He is the best card they can find, and I shall be very much disappointed in my pronostications if they don't nominate him."

A German paper, the Cincinnati *Post*, has nominated him for President pro tem. of France, in the event of MacMahon's resignation.

"Well," said the Senator, "I would vote for him as President of France."

"Just so, but when his French term expires, if he does not conclude to run for a second, and comes over here, whom do you propose to match against him?"

"Well, that is something I don't know. The Democrats haven't got any principle, any platform yet, and, until they establish one, of course we can't pitch on a man."

"HOW DOES M'CLELLAN STAND?"

"I don't know anything about Mr. McClelland or anybody else. When we get fixed, as I hope we will, we won't be short of candidates. The Democrats never have been yet."

Prof. James Hinds, President of the international Prison Reform Congress, which meets at Stockholm next August, is happy. He has just secured an appropriation of $8,000, and will start for Europe immediately. There is a funny incident connected with the first Congress held on this question. It opened at Cincinnati in October, 1870. Jim Blaine was President, and it was confidently expected that he would preside, but the death of a friend detained him in Maine, and Rutherford B. Hayes was elected in his place. Verily Cincinnati appears to have been averse to all Mr. Blaine's Presidential aspirations.

STANLEY.

A Cowhiding by Women.

Salt Lake (Utah) Herald.

On Monday one of the young ladies employed at Mrs. Colebrook's millinery establishment received an endearing note from W. A. Rooks, who is well known in this city, inviting her to meet him yesterday evening near St. Mark's School. The girl, knowing his propensities, plotted with three others of her companions to go and give him a dose of "black snake." They went, but it was near the American Hotel where they found their man. Four of the girls, armed each with a good cowhide-whip, secreted themselves in the alley near by, to witness the meeting. He came, and at a convenient time they also came from their hiding place and began a vigorous slashing and belaboring with the whips. He was hit, we understand, once on the head, and once on the legs, when he drew a pretty little white-handled pocket pistol on his feminine tormentors. He didn't use it, however, but turned and fled, and the speed at which he ran would have shamed an antelope. He took down Second East to Second South, thence west and into the office of our morning contemporary, there to tell his straightforward tale. The excited and indignant ladies followed him into the newspaper office and again insisted upon giving him a thorough cowhiding; but he had taken refuge behind the counter, where he quietly submitted to the fearful tongue-lashing which was administered by one of the girls. She read him a list of some of his misdeeds here, and presented a pretty good indictment of Rooks in general. The girls assert that they had been insulted several times by the fellow, and they took this occasion to settle an old score against him.

Getting Close Figures.

Detroit Free Press.

A newsboy with three or four morning papers under his arm, called into a Woodward avenue jewelry store yesterday afternoon and inquired:

"Kin you tell me the price of a woman's gold watch—one o' them kind as winds up by twistin' the knob?"

"You mean a stem-winder," said the clerk; "you can get a pretty good one for about sixty dollars."

"Jist sixty?"

"Yes."

"And how much for a diamond pin—one most as big as a bean?"

"Well, about three hundred dollars."

"Three hundred'll take it, will they?"

"Yes."

"Thanks," said the boy as he backed out. He sat down with his back to the wall, figured with a pencil on the margin of one of his papers and presently soliloquized:

"Three hundred for the pin, and sixty more for the watch—that's three hundred and sixty. Then's my Santa Claus presents for maw and paw, and I've got eighty-one cents on hand and two weeks more to work in! Yere's your mornin' papers!"

Blackbirds.

London Times.

The British Consul at Ajaccio notes among the annual exports from Corsica between 350,000 and 400,000 blackbirds. They come to that island in vast numbers every winter to feed on the berries of the myrtle and arbutus, with which the mountains are covered. Here they become very fat, and their flavor and perfume as food cause them to be much esteemed by the gourmets of Paris.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Quieter Movement of Currency---Discounts Moderate.

The Produce Markets Moderately Active---Hogs Steady---Meats Weak---Other Provisions Easier.

Breadstuffs Tame---A Decline in Wheat, Corn, and Barley.

Packing Statistics---Movement of Produce During the Week.

FINANCIAL.

The movement of currency to the country was perceptibly smaller. The business of the day generally was light. The packers and provision men are the only customers of the banks who have recently increased their cash for accommodation. The country banks are borrowing more sparingly. They are able to supply their customers out of the heavy remittances they have received of legal-tenders from the city. Mercantile and manufacturing paper is supplied the banks in only sparing quantities, and desirable outside paper is scarce. Rates of discount were 8@10 per cent at the banks to regular customers; on the street, call loans are 7 per cent.

New York exchange was sold between banks at 50@80c per $1,000 discount.

The clearings of the week are reported as follows by Manager D. R. Hale, of the Chicago Clearing-House:

Date.	*Clearings.*	*Balances.*
Monday	$4,034,595	$453,426
Tuesday	3,607,777	320,845
Wednesday	3,515,187	317,249
Thursday	3,822,984	446,827
Friday	3,466,946	452,889
Saturday	3,529,617	177,786
Total	$21,976,909	$2,177,505
Corresponding week last year	24,022,662	2,160,444

GOLD AND GREENBACKS.

Gold was 102¼@102⅜ in greenbacks.

Greenbacks were 97⅜@97¼ cents on the dollar in gold.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

	Sixty days.	*Sight.*
Sterling	482¼	486
Belgium	519¼	516¾
Switzerland	516¾	516¼
Germany	94½	95¼
Holland	39¾	40¼
Austria	46	46¼
Norway	27¼	27¾
Sweden	27¼	27¾
Denmark		27¾

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

	Bid.	*Asked.*
United States 6s of '81	110¾	110¾
United States 5-20s of '65	105¾	106¼
United States 5-20s of '67	105¾	106¼
United States 5-20s of '68	110	110¼
United States 10-40s	108¼	108¾
United States funded of '81	108¼	108¾
United States new 4½s	104¾	105¼
United States new 4 per cent coupons	103	103¼
United States currency 6s	120	120¾

BROKERS' QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	*Asked.*
Chicago City 7 per cent bonds	*107¾	*108¾
Chicago City 7 per cent Water-Loan	*107¾	*108¾
Chicago City 7 per cent Water-Loan	*107¾	*108¾
Cook County 7 per cent bonds (long)	*107¾	*108¾
North Chicago 7 per cent (Lincoln Park)	98	.....
City Railway (South Side)	150	178
City Railway (West Side)		128
City Railway (North Side)		117
Traders' Insurance Company		67¾
Chamber of Commerce		145
Chicago Gas-Light & Coke Company		104¾
West Division Railway 7 ₱ cent cert's.	*103¾	

*And interest.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Gold opened at 102¾, and closed at 102⅝, the extremes of the day. Carrying rates 2 to 6 per cent.

Silver at London remains without quotation. Here silver bars are 119¾ in currency and 116¼ in gold. Silver coin ¼@1 discount.

Governments firm.

Railroad bonds moderately active.

State bonds firm.

The stock market in the forenoon was quiet, and fluctuations in the general list were confined within narrow limits. In the afternoon the market was extremely dull up to the close. There were no important changes in prices, except an advance of 1¼ in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis, New York Central, and Northwestern preferred were quoted ex-dividend this afternoon.

Transactions aggregated 75,000 shares, of which 40,800 were Lake Shore, 2,800 Northwest common, 2,800 preferred, 2,900 St. Paul common, 6,000 preferred, 7,500 Lackawanna, 6,000 Western Union.

Money 5 to 7 per cent, loaning up to 1-64 and interest; closed at 7 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5@7.

Customs receipts, $116,000.

The Treasury disbursed $253,000.

Clearings, $22,000,000.

Sterling dull; long, 482; short, 483¼.

GOVERNMENTS.			
Coupons, '81	104¾	Coupons, '65, reg	104¾
Coupons, new	105¼	New 4 per cent	103
Coupons, '67	105¾	10-40s, reg	107¾
Coupons, '68	110¼	Coupons	108¾
New 5s	109¾	Currency 6s	120¾
STOCKS.			
Western Union Tel	79	Northwestern pfd	62¾
Quicksilver	16	C., C., C. & I	39¾
Quicksilver pfd	28½	New Jersey Central	13
Pacific Mail	214	Ohio & Mississippi	10¼
Mariposa	2	St. Paul	35⅞
Mariposa pfd	2⅜	St. Paul pfd	71¾
Adams Express	94	Illinois Central	94¾
Wells-Fargo	86½	Ft. Wayne	92½
American Express	50	Terre Haute	4¼
United States Express	75	Terre Haute pfd	9¾
New York Central	105¾	Chicago & Alton	77¼
Erie	9¾	Chicago & Alton pfd	100
Erie pfd	20¾	Ohio & Mississippi	3¾
Harlem	145	D., L. & W	51
Harlem pfd	148	A., T. & P. Telegraph	21
Michigan Central	93¾	Mississippi Pacific	14½
Panama	128	C., B. & Q	102
Union Pacific	67¼	Hannibal & St. Jo	11¾
Lake Shore	93¾	Central Pacific bonds	107¾
Illinois Central	73¾	Union Pacific bonds	107¾
Cleveland & Pittsburg	77¾	C. P. land-grant	103¾
Northwestern	73¾	C. P. sinking-fund	94¾
STATE BONDS.			
Tennessee, old	40¾	Virginia, new	33¾
Tenne-see, new	40¼	Missouri	107
Virginia, old	32¾		

FOREIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 15—5 p. m.—Consols for money, 95 1-16; account, 95¼.

AMERICAN SECURITIES—'65s, 104¾; '67s, 105¾; 10-40s, 108¾; new 5s, 106¼; New York Central, 107; Erie, 9¼; preferred, 23¾; Illinois Central, 72¾; Pennsylvania Central, 37½.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Rentes, 105f 20c.

GENERAL TRADE REVIEW.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The bank exchanges during the last week, viewed as a whole, still fail to give any encouraging indication of the general condition of trade. In New York there was a gain of 23 1-10 per cent as compared with the corresponding week last year; but as the new business here has not been remarkably active, and correspondingly increased exchanges failed to appear elsewhere, this increase in exchanges here was evidently due, in a great measure, to the maturing of commercial paper made during the last August and September spasm of activity and prosperity. The comparative gains at other points were at San Francisco, 18 5-10; Louisville, 19; Pittsburg, 6 6-10. The San Francisco comparison is for the week ending the 1st of December, and her increase is mainly due to the increase in the number of banks reporting. Among the comparative losses were Boston, 11 4-10; Philadelphia, 8 8-10; Chicago, 17 8-10; Cincinnati, 5-10; New Orleans, 5 7-10; Baltimore, 6 3-10; St. Louis, 7 3-10; Milwaukee, 2.

The total increase in the twelve cities was 12 8-10, but omitting New York there was a net loss of 6 9-10 per cent.

COMMERCIAL.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock on Saturday morning, and for the corresponding time last year:

	Receipts.		*Shipments.*	
	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.
Flour, brls	14,081	13,286	9,278	11,474
Wheat, bu	66,239	55,342	900	20,880
Corn, bu	44,220	67,971	14,669	53,678
Oats, bu	37,582	32,756	9,020	24,970
Rye, bu	4

SPORTING.

Experiences and Prospects of the National Game in St. Louis,

Showing How to Lose $28,000 in Running a Club Three Years.

The Adventures of a Crook; or a Late $2,000 Pitcher Hunting $6 a Week.

Devlin Denies that He Ever Charged the Management of the Louisville Club with Dishonesty.

List of All the Base-Ball Players Officially Announced for Next Season.

The National Trotting Association on Its Last Legs---Board of Appeals Decisions.

BASE-BALL.

ST. LOUIS PROSPECTS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6.—You have seen, I suppose, before now the announcement that the St. Louis Club has thrown up the sponge, resigned from the League, and gone out of business. You have, of course, known that this thing was likely to come, but still you may be sure that it hurt us just as bad when it did come as if we hadn't expected it. The reasons which led to the collapse were, at the first remove, financial. I will state the case for you so that you can understand it in the winking of an eye. We have had a club during the years 1875, 1876, and 1877—that is one side. Per contra, we have had a capital stock aggregating all told about $20,000. As near as I can ascertain, we have collected in the neighborhood of $16,000 on this $20,000. In addition to this, I am given to understand that some of the Directors raised money on their notes for the use of the Club and then had to pay the notes, amounting to close to $9,000. That went where the rest went, and, in addition to both items, there is some $3,000 due the players of 1877. Now if you can figure that up you can see how near the game has come to paying in the City of St. Louis. Put it down thus:

Stock paid in	$16,000
Money raised by Directors	9,000
Now due players	3,000
Total for three years	$28,000

I believe, with Mr. Weller's boy who had finished the alphabet, that it is doubtful whether it is worth waite to go through so much to learn so little. But now you know why we quit; do you blame us? or would you have advised us to go on another year?

Of course you would be justified in asking me for the reason to my reason—that is, why we made these losses. And I can tell you straightaway, and you will very likely believe me, because you have based your Chicago Club on principles about opposite to ours in the matters to which I shall refer. In the first place, Grand Avenue Park was too far away from "down-town" to ever hope to induce people to go to games there. A ride of more than an hour on a street-car is unpleasant and tedious at any time, and doubly so in warm weather and with a crowd. When I come to look back on the past, I wonder how so many people ever got out to the grounds.

In the second place, I attribute a good share of our trouble to the fact that we disgusted a certain class of people by playing ball on Sunday. One of the soundest expressions I ever heard on that subject was from a strong-lunged wife of the Browns who once said in my hearing: "I tell you the bums and roughs are done busted; they've got no money. The money is all a-gittin into the church folks' hands, and just so sure as you git them down on you, you're gone. And just so sure are you to pitch games on Sunday them knock-kneed old dads won't let their girls go of a week day; and then the curly-haired boys won't go, and I tell you them's the chaps that have the money." There was certainly about the purest sermon, but it was all to the same purpose, and I firmly believe it was based on better knowledge of human nature than the management had.

Then again, while the management—as far as the officers were concerned—was away above reproof, yet there was a flavor of poker-rooms and such like that people sniffed at.

One other thing which hurt very much was the unfortunate selection of umpires. Of course, it is foolish to charge, as some papers have done, that the Club put up Burtis with an idea of dishonesty. They put him in as one of five, and the other clubs chose him—the St. Louis Club didn't. But anyhow he was a very unfortunate selection, and it was poor policy—as it turned out—for the Club to uphold him and boost him along, and insist on him for umpire after he was so terribly disgusting to outsiders. But they thought they were right. Well, after the Burtis business began to be plain to the people, some of them wouldn't come again, and that helped draw off a little. I don't intend to say anything about crookedness among the players, for I don't believe in it, and I think all the row the papers have been making in this city is pretty much bosh. I don't care what Mike McGeary was before he came here. I believe he has been honest and straight with the people of St. Louis. It is pretty clear, of course, that Burtis was in with gamblers, and that the talk about the men seems to me unfounded—at least I don't know of any proof.

But in spite of all these things—the debt and all—we should have gone on all right if it hadn't been for those Louisville expulsions. They struck us right when we were trying to raise a little money to go on with next year, and it flattened us out as flat as the dollar of our dads, and there we have been ever since.

Now a word as to the prospects for another year for I am not yet convinced that we can't get up. I gather from all that has been said that no one wants to go ahead with a park out in the country; so the first thing is a ground. I think we could spunk up for the rest if we had a ground. One scheme is to try to get Lindell Park, a square almost in near our business centre as the Lake Park is to Chicago's. This square (which is commonly known as Hugging Park) was given to the city by Mr. Lucas (deceased) with the condition that if it were ever used for any other purpose than a park it should revert to his heirs. It was planned to have the heirs quit-claim this right of reversion if the city authorities would let the Club occupy the ground. There seems, however, to be some obstacle in the way, and, so far as I can learn, no progress has been made.

Another idea advanced was to get a ground over in East St. Louis, where it was thought one could be had not far away from the end of the big bridge, but the search does not appear to have produced anything yet.

The ifs, of course, the Red Sox Park, which might be had, but it is fully as inconvenient as the Grand avenue ground.

I have tried to give you a faithful showing of where we stand; if you can derive any comfort from it for the game, you are wiser than yours truly,

DOUCE DAVIE.

Beside the views of the correspondent above, the following extracts from St. Louis papers are given, showing the feeling in the press. The *Globe-Democrat* says:

Ever since the organization of the Brown Stockings the burthen of the expense has almost entirely been borne by three gentlemen. The stockholders are usually invested in the organization for the sport to be derived from it, but without any intention of making good any deficiencies which might arise. For this the trio spoken of carried very little, as they saw their way clear to perpetuate the sport at a slight cost, and that was by engaging a nine that could win the championship in 1876. That they did, as is clearly proved by the fact that the St. Louis nine of '78 defeated the champion Bostons with the utmost ease, allowing them only one run in two games. Then came the Louisville expose, and their pitcher and catcher and strongest batsman were lost to them, thus necessitating a reorganization. It was at once discovered that the vacancies could not be filled by men strong enough to win the championship, and this, coupled with the fact that the rascality of the players referred to, as well as certain crooked work on the part of certain of their own men during the season just closed, dampened their ardor to such an extent that they consented to drop out in decency and in order for the time being. One word more is necessary. Although St. Louis is not a member of the League, she will be represented in the ball-field in '78 with a team as strong as any she has yet placed in the field, and captained by the best infielder in the profession.

The comments of the *Republican* are as follows:

So far as the old organization is concerned, it is now certain that St. Louis will have no professional club to represent her next year. Unless some enterprising party or parties will undertake to get up a purely St. Louis nine, like the old Red Stockings, there is a surety that we shall have no good ball-tossing in St. Louis next year. Perhaps a year's abstinence will do the city good. It seems that the Grand avenue base-ball ground is destined to become a thing of the past. Mr. Solari offered such terms as he thought he was justified in doing for a new lease of the tract, but was unable to make a satisfactory arrangement. Already the work of removing the skeleton seats and the pavilion has begun, and these will be taken to pieces and placed aside in such a manner that it will not be difficult to erect them again in case of a new ground being secured, which is not improbable. It is to be regretted that the ground as a park has had so untimely an end, for it was one of the handsomest, best kept and appointed in the country.

DEVLIN ON DEVLIN.

Some weeks ago a correspondent of this paper in Louisville called on Devlin, the expelled ball-player, and, after having a talk with him, sent the substance of what he had said to THE TRIBUNE, in which it was published. The part of the story chiefly disagreeable to Louisville readers was where Devlin asserted that the scoundrelly actions of Devinney were with the privity of the Club management. At the League meeting in Cleveland one of the Louisville delegates caused the following letter from Devlin to be read, with the landable desire to clear his Club from the imputation of having connived at crooked umpiring:

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—MY DEAR FRIEND CHASE: You remember your Promise to write to me when I left But as you have not yet I thought I wold Send you one as I have nothing else to do. You may be to Busy to write Charlie and if Such be the Case I hope you will Send me a letter as Soon as You Can Before the meeting. Charlie I see in the Courer of the 19th a Big Lie some one has Bin Putting in some of the Papers about me saying that Dan Devenny and the Directors had it all fixed up for us to win. That Charlie is a D—lie such a remark ever has Passed out of my mouth you know Just what I say now and what I did say Charlie that I never did like Dan to umpire for me as he always I thought gave me the worst of the game I Dont think I can remember one game that he Ever gave us anything only what we ought to have our Batting will Prove that on our own ground that man is a liar that says I Ever said what that Paper contains on the 19th O Charlie if you only will get me Back again I Can not say what I wold Be willing to do I have bin hunting some kind of work to do for 6 Dollars a week I am willing to work But can't get anything to do do all you can Mr. Chase I know you can do a heap for me you can Depend on what I told the Directors of the Club was the Truth and was all I knew so Mr. Chase do forgive me this time and give me a chance and see what a change you will make I am going to have a hard winter and you don't know what it is to Put one in as I have so I will close By sending my Best wishes etc. Trouly JAMES A. DEVLIN.

No 308 Atherton st Philadelphia.

It is entirely clear from this that Devlin charges THE TRIBUNE correspondent with having lied, just as he before charged the Club with crookedness. The writer is in possession of excellent evidence that Devlin said just what was imputed to him. The plausible theory is that he lied in the first place, and then lied to Mr. Chase to cover up the first lie.

One of his assertions in defense of Devinney's umpiring is that the Louisville Club outbatted its opponents on its home ground. While it is true that in a large proportion of the games in Louisville the home Club won by getting more hits than the other side, yet an inspection of the scores shows one curious thing which does not bear out Devlin's assertion: Out of nineteen games won on its own ground, the Louisvilles came out ahead in five where they were outbatted; that is, in fourteen of their nineteen victories at home they won by superior batting—the other five games they won in some other way.

The most noticeable point in Devlin's letter, however,—and that was principally the reason why it was given in full,—is the horrible example he is of how one act of dishonesty will tumble a ball-player from the top to the bottom. Hardly two months ago Devlin was under contract to get $2,000 for next year, and was receiving a salary of $1,900 a season. Now he is hunting work at $6 a week, or $300 a year. It would seem as if that admission of Devlin's was enough to scare the rest of the players into honesty. The case may be thus stated:

He was getting $2,000 a season;
He wanted more;
He sold games and got it;
Now he oegs for $6 a week!

THE PLAYERS WHO HAVE SIGNED.

After the season closes the papers which have a taste toward the national game are flooded with reports of engagements which continually cross themselves and lead to confusion. For the purpose of clearing up the books, a list has been compiled, showing every engagement which the League Secretary has made during the year 1877 to cover 1878. This, as printed below, is a complete record of all the engagements made for the next season by League and League Alliance Clubs, and such errors as there are in it are errors of the club officers in not sending notices of engagements or releases to the Secretary:

Boston—J. J. Burdock, J. O'Rourke.
Chicago—Robert Ferguson, W. A. Hardgie, Frank Larkin, Joseph Start, Aaron A. Anson, Lames Hallman, John C. Cassidy, J. W. Hankinson, L. J. Reis.
Cincinnati—C. A. McVey, J. J. Gerhardt, R. Mitchell, A. S. Booth, W. H. Geer, J. F. Sullivan, M. J. Kelly.
Indianapolis—F. S. Flint, E. Nolan, D. J. McGee, F. J. H. Warner, J. L. Quest, R. E. McKelvy, J. McCormick, George Shaffer, John Nelson.
Milwaukee—W. T. Redmond, F. H. Andrus, Everett Mills, S. H. Weaver, C. W. Bennett, G. Creamer, W. Holbert, D. Morgan, A. Dalrymple, J. C. Ellick, W. B. Foley, Jacob Goodman.
St. Louis—J. P. Peters, A. F. Croft, C. N. Snyder, J. L. Clapp.
Auburn—T. E. Mansell, J. H. Neagle, J. Roseman, M. Welch, C. W. Reipschlager, M. Dorsey, A. A. Allison, H. H. Fisher, G. T. Fair.
Lowell—A. W. Whitney, F. T. Whitney, W. H. Hawes, S. Wright, Jr., C. J. Foley, D. J. Sullivan.
National—Peter Bannon.
Syracuse Star—W. W. Carpenter, M. R. Mansell, H. McCormick, J. F. Macullar, J. Farrell, A. McKinnon.
Peter Hotaling, M. C. Dorgan.
Tecumseh—Phil Powers.
Utica—F. E. Goldsmith, G. H. Bradley, J. Hornung, T. H. Smith, M. E. Burke.
Utica-H. Richarson, E. Kennedy, W. Purcell, N. Alcott, J. W. Roche, R. S. Clack. J. J. McGuinness, J. Richmond, C. M. Smith.

Some comment is due on one or two points: Boston has several three-year contracts, which cover next season; Cincinnati is supposed to have Start and Jones, but has not announced them; Indianapolis has engaged Clapp very lately; Milwaukee is supposed to have released a couple of the dozen she has set down to her; and St. Louis does not expect to hold any of her remaining three.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The Syracuse *Courier* says that "there was some surprise that the Stars sent no delegate" to the League meeting.

The letter from St. Louis above given seems a shade old, but the facts in it have not been elsewhere published. It was crowded out last week.

The strongest indorsement which the League received for its recent work at Cleveland was the notice in the *Mercury*. Any notice which can draw out such an approval as that is sure to be on the honest, decent, and gentlemanly way.

There is a rumor that a strong team will be organized in San Francisco in 1878, and that Bradley will be secured as pitcher. It would be more probable if there were any clubs round about to keep a professional organization in business.

The Hon. Bob Addy is in Chicago, and in deep distress. He is to have charge of the West Side skating rink, but he can't have any rink until he has some ice, and he can't make any ice in this weather. The ungrateful conduct of the weather man is hurting Bob's feelings.

One of the shyster papers of the country announced that it had arranged to give "a special and exhaustive" report of the League meeting. It had twenty lines. The only papers outside Chicago which may be said to have had any reports were the Boston *Herald* and the *Clipper*.

The Rochester Club for 1878 is to be very strong. If the following list taken from the *Clipper* is authentic: Kennedy, c.; Burkslow, p.; Tobin, 1 b.; Crane, 2 b.; Hanlon, 3 b.; Caskin, s. s.; Tipper, l. f.; Thomas, c. f.; Shattuck, r. f.; Sullivan, sub.; and Joe Simmons, manager. Hanlon and Crane are among the strongest men in the country in the positions

The Athletic Club will put a nine on the field next season, including the veterans Dick McBride, Berkenstock, and Ike Wilkins.—*Mercury.* Come now, this is too bad; isn't there any law against robbing graves and digging up corpses in Pennsylvania? Berkenstock departed this life about 1855; why don't they howk up Kleinfelder?

A dispatch from Indianapolis to THE TRIBUNE yesterday announced that John Clapp, late of the St. Louis team, had been engaged as manager and change catcher. This makes the team as follows: Clapp and Flint, catchers; Nolan and McCormick, pitchers; Mack, 1 b.; Quest, 2 b.; Williamson, 3 b.; Nelson, s. s.; Shaffer, McKelvy, and Clapp, fielders; Warner and McCormick, subs. This makes a very strong team.

So much talk has been indulged in concerning the accession of the White brothers and George Wright to the Cincinnati team that it should be stated, as the assertion of an officer of the Boston Club, that George Wright will not leave their city, but will play with Harry again. The White brothers had not, at last accounts, signed with anybody, but the general impression is that they will get around to Cincinnati in good time.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* thinks that the League made a mistake in not fixing the umpire rule so that the Captains must choose him on the ground "two minutes before the game commenced." How beautifully this would work in St. Louis, when Devinney would say, "I agree on Burtis; if you don't agree on him, too, you can go home again." But then there seems no imminent danger that there will be much McGeary in the game hereafter. The same paper also finds fault with the scoring rules adopted at Cleveland; but so long as its reporter doesn't have to score under them, what difference does it make to it?

The most extraordinary bit of ball news this week is the following from yesterday's *Post*:

The Milwaukee nine for the coming season will be as follows: Andrus, centre field; Daivy Neph, right field; Morgan, left field; Weaver, pitcher; Bedmeth, catcher; Holbert, short-stop; Goodman, first base; Creamer, second base; and Foley, third base. It has been decided that the Club shall make a tour East, and play with the numerous clubs at Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Boston, Hartford, and New York.

Weaver, Bennett, Goodman, Creamer, and Foley are properly placed. The other names should be: Redmond, s. s.; Dalrymple, l. f.; Morgan, c. f.; Andrus, r. f.; Holbert and Ellick, subs. The extraordinary innocence of the game which rendered Dalrymple into Daivy Neph ought to receive some special reward.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

J. M.—"Who formed the Centennials, of Philadelphia, in 1875?" *Answer*—McGinley, c.; Bechtel, p.; Abadie, 1 b.; Somerville, 2 b.; Trenwith, 3 b.; Craver, s. s.; Treacy, l. f.; Murnan, c. f.; Lovett, r. f. At odd times Radcliff, Mason, and others filled up the team.

J. H.—"A bets B that Spike Brady played with the Chicagos in some of their games in 1875; please decide?" *Answer*—He took Quinn's place in the Chicago team in a game with the Philadelphias toward the last of the season of 1875. A wins.

TWO MILWAUKEEANS—"(1) How many games did Holbert, Creamer, and Goodman play in in 1877, and how many base-hits has each made? (2) Do you consider Foley as good an infielder as Redmond? (3) Do you think the Chicago and Milwaukee Clubs evenly matched?" *Answer*—(1) Goodman, 94 games, 76 hits; Holbert, 78 games, 50 hits; Creamer, 98 games, 74 hits. (2) There is very little difference; Foley's record in 1877 was .849 and Redmond's .860, but the latter does not include games in Memphis. Considering the fact that Foley played in a more difficult position than Redmond, his record is fully as good. (3) It is too early to pass on that.

INQUISITIVE—"(1) Under the new rules if a ball touches the ground inside the catcher's triangle is it a foul? (2) Who will compose next year's Louisville team? (3) Who will be in the Bostons? (4) Will Goldsmith pitch for the Tecumsehs next year? (5) What was his record this year? (6) Will St. Paul and Minneapolis have clubs next year? (7) Is Holbert much of a batter; what was his record in the past season, and what place did he play?" *Answer*—(1) Yes. (2) No announcements have been made. (3) The team will be something like this probably: Bond, Brown, Morrill, Burdock, Sutton, Wright, Leonard, O'Rourke, and one or two more. (4) He is under contract with them. (5) Excellent as a pitcher. (6) Very likely; but they don't need to begin very early up there. (7) He is very fair; stood fourth in the Alleghenies with a record of .250; played catcher and right field.

P. N. F.—"(1) Please explain the rule in regard to the Captain's calling any man he pleases to bat; can he keep some of the players batting all the while, to the exclusion of the rest? (2) What is the object of not playing practice games with amateurs or picked nines? (3) Must we wait until a League club gets here before we can see a game?" *Answer*—(1) It means simply that he shall send his team up in such order as he pleases until each man has had one time at bat; then the same order shall be preserved through the game. The working of the rule is not changed from the past season—only the wording. (2) To keep the number of games on each League ground down to less than forty; nothing spoils the game like too much of it. (3) Yes, except some games with picked nines.

ANONYMOUS—"(1) Has Remsen been engaged by anybody for next season? (2) Why don't the Chicagos engage Peters, now that the St. Louis have bursted? (3) Who is the swiftest base-runner and what is the record? (4) Who is the longest thrower and what is the record? (5) What is the longest hit on record and by whom was it made? (6) Could you not gladden the hearts of the lovers of the game by inducing the Chicago management to produce this team for 1878: Harbidge, c.; Larkin, p.; Start, 1 b.; Anson, 2 b.; Ferguson, 3 b.; Peters (the sacrifice-hitter and one of the best ball players who ever lived), s. s.; Hallman, l. f.; Remsen, c. f.; Cassidy, r. f.; Reis, Hankinson, Eggler, and Spalding, subs? What do you think of them?" *Answer*—(1) No announcement about him has been made. (2) There is time enough to settle another man in the management alone. (3) The fastest record is 13½ seconds, by Cuthbert; no doubt others have exceeded that in games, but no record is kept. (4) The best recorded throw is 133 yards, 1 foot, 7½ inches, by John Hatfield; no trials where record was kept have been made since 1872. (5) There is no record, but the general impression is that Fox hit the old half-rubber ball further than it has ever been hit since; the longest hit on Chicago ground was made by Tom Pratt. (6) The team you ask for has all been engaged except Peters and Remsen. Very likely the management will get as good men as those two. As a matter of opinion, it would seem better to put Anson third base and Ferguson second base. You show a lamentable ignorance of the game in asking that four subs be hired, and in specifying that two of them shall be the foremost players in the country.

THE TURF.

A TOTTERING CONCERN.

The Eastern papers, and especially the New York sporting journals, are beginning to appreciate the extent of the feeling which has arisen against the National Association, and are making a desperate endeavor to handle the matter as delicately as possible. For over a year THE TRIBUNE has been hammering away on this matter of a thorough reconstruction of the National Association, and the code of rules under which it has been working, and its efforts are now being seconded by the very papers which, not long ago, scouted the idea that the National Association or the Board of Appeals could do wrong, and the Breeders' Association, which, at its recent meeting, placed itself on record by a vote of a majority of the members as having not the slightest confidence in the National Association or the men who control it.

The fact that this snub was administered by the Breeders' meeting was smoothed over as much as possible by the New York papers, all of which appear to be under the influence of the men composing the Association, and their efforts in this direction were aided by the fact that the meeting broke up in a row. The New York papers do not put it just this way, but such was the fact. The *Spirit* says "the meeting adjourned rather hastily and unpleasantly," while *Turf, Field, and Farm* remarks that "the tone of the discussion was unfortunate," in which is drawing it exceedingly mild. The last-mentioned paper is deserving of praise, however, for being the only one which dared to report fully the debate on the motion of Maj. Morton to unite the Breeders' Association with the National. The entire session seems to have been one in which those present used their jaws more than they did their brains, but this can perhaps be accounted for by the fact that the Association enjoyed a banquet, with the usual liquid accompaniments, on the previous evening at Delmonico's. Mr. Clark Bell, the well-known lawyer, and Treasurer of the Association, was the first to be snubbed. He moved that the next trotting meeting of the Association be held in Kentucky, stating that he had never visited the blue-grass region, and would like to go; whereupon Mr. Pacher, the Secretary, remarked with some asperity that, if Mr. Bell wished to visit Kentucky, he was at liberty to do so, and concluded this exhibition of magnanimity by the statement that Mr. Bell must not think he could lug the Breeders' Association along with him. A few other gentlemen made similar spicy remarks, and Mr. Bell's motion was quashed.

This little matinee paved the way for the star performance, which was an overhauling of the National Association. Mr. Edwin Thorne, who is a Quaker, breeder, and member of the Board of Appeals and Breeders' Association, moved that the latter organization be united with the National Association. He was decided to be out of order, but his motion was subsequently brought up by Maj. Morton, Maj. McDowell leaving the chair and speaking in favor of it. His argument was, that under the present laws of the Breeders' Association any one who owned a colt got by a stallion which was, or had been, owned by a member of the Association, could become a member. He thought this opened the door to all the scalawags in the country and wanted to get the Breeders' Association under the wing of the National Association, so that in case any disreputable characters became members, they could be bounced.

This started Maj. Morton, who proceeded to take the National Association and Board of Appeals fore and aft. He spoke of the villainy committed upon the Association tracks, and of the swindlers being permitted to go unpunished. The "ringers" also came in for a share of his remarks, the gentleman expressing the opinion that more thieving of this description had been perpetrated during the past season than ever before. He said he wanted no affiliation with an association that could not control its own members. Mr. Packer also had his say on the subject, and bitterly denounced the National Association, and stated almost in as many words that it was a rotten concern, composed of blackguards and sharpers.

Mr. Thorne by this time had "got his mad up," and tendered his resignation as a Vice-President of the Breeders' Association. Before a vote could be taken a motion to adjourn was made and carried, and the meeting broke up in confusion.

The strong disposition manifested by the breeders to denounce the National Association as a disreputable concern, with which it would not do for them to have any connection, took the New York papers, which have hitherto looked upon the Association as something to be revered, by surprise. The *Spirit of the Times*, as is usual when anything important in its line transpires, is dumbfounded or scared, says that there was "a rather personal and acrimonious debate," which everybody knew, but expresses no opinion as to whether or not the breeders should join the National Association. The latter, however, in the matter, and declares when men are compelled to choose between the National Association and the Breeders, a large majority will join the former.

THE TRIBUNE does not quite agree to this statement. The National Association or something similar to it is undoubtedly a very necessary institution, but the present concern has degenerated to such an extent that the contempt of nearly all persons interested in turf sports for it, and the open hostility of many, is not to be wondered at. That an organization of its kind is necessary no one doubts, but the present one must be thoroughly reconstructed, or its disinteration is inevitable. Let those who have the matter in charge see that at the next annual meeting a satisfactory new set of officers is chosen. Nothing but a thorough cleaning out of the present incumbents will satisfy the public.

SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

The official report of cases acted upon at the recent meeting of the General Board of Appeals of the National Turf Association at Hartford has just been forwarded to the press, and will appear in this week's issue of the New York sporting journals. As usual in all matters relating to turf interests, THE TRIBUNE is enabled to lay the news of this meeting before the public in advance of any other paper. The following are the cases relating to Western horses, owners, and Associations that were acted upon by the Board, this paper being under obligations to Mr. G. D. Curtis, of Hartford, for an abstract of them:

W. S. Bruen, Sagetown, Ill., vs. McDonough Park, Macomb, Ill.; application for renewal of suspension granted without payment of $25 in controversy.

H. T. Knecbs, Sioux City, Ia., vs. Galesburg (Ill.) Park; exulsion re-established until kneebs returns to National Association the premium received.

Geo Gilden, Lewisville, Ill.; matter of expulsion by order of Freeport (Ill.) Park referred to President.

Thomas Jarad, Parkersburg, W. Va. vs. Virginia (Ill.) Park; claim for first premium allowed.

Cleveland Club, Cleveland, O., vs. W. B. Matthews; ordered that the latter pay the fine.

Northwestern Agricultural Society, Dubuque, Ia.; application in case of black mare Phillis denied and distribution of premiums ordered.

J. C. Wade, Dayton, O., vs. Chester Park, Cincinnati; referred to Central District Board.

W. J. Kinzer, Mansfield, O., vs. Freeport (Ill.) Park; an application for removal of suspension of him and grey gelding Deception; was ordered to pay forfeit.

William Conway, Anderson, Ind., vs. Northern Indiana Agricultural Society, Fort Wayne; claim of park sustained.

George Rightwire, Millwood, O., application for removal of expulsion of bay gelding Redline by Pittsburg Park; referred to President.

M. J. Enright, Toledo, O. vs. Earlville, Tiskilwa, and Mendota Parks, Ill.; ordered that Association demand return of premiums wrongfully obtained by bay gelding Clover.

O. R. Kennedy, Uhrichsville, O., decision on removal of expulsion of chestnut gelding Hunter reserved.

Ambrose Fraver, Greenwich, O., vs. Norwalk (O.) Park; expulsion modified to fine of $50.

E. B. Baylis, Massillon, O., application for ruling as to s. g. Richmond.

C. G. Logan, Chicago, Ill. vs. Cleveland, O., Club, application for removal of suspension of himself and brown gelding Emerson for non-payment of entrance money, he being unable to reach Cleveland on account of railroad strike. Application denied, as excuse insufficient.

A. W. Bouchet, Alvada, O., vs. Fleetwood Park, application for removal of suspension of Lank Smith and bay mare London Belle referred to Atlantic District Board.

Temporary removals of expulsion were made permanent in the following cases: R. F. kneeb, Sioux City, Ia.; Eugene Hood, Milwaukee, Wis.; W. T. Campbell, Mount Clemens, Mich.; James Newpro, Newcastle, Ind.; John Patterson, Steubenville, O. Application for removal of expulsion was granted in the case of F. F. Fletcher, Pomeroy, O., and gelding Gus Raymond.

Applications for reward under rules were granted in the cases of S. E. Johnson, Rushville, Ind.; J. W. Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich.; denied in the case of James Henry, Chicago; and referred in case of D. W. Wood, Mount Vernon, O., and Charles Phillips, Madison, Ind.

THE ANTI-POOL-SELLING LUNATICS.

Wallace's Monthly, which is the organ of the National Breeders' Association, has broken loose again on the pool-selling question, about which it has had but little to say during the past few months. It attacks the *Spirit of the Times* in a most savage manner because that journal ventured to assert that, while pool-rooms in large cities should certainly be abolished, those on the race tracks should not be disturbed. No one doubts the honesty of Mr. Wallace's purpose in endeavoring to secure the entire abolition of pool-selling, but the gentleman has a fashion of abusing in a very uncalled-for and undignified manner any publication or person that ventures to disagree with him.

The opponents of pool-selling have always been loud in their assertions that its presence on race-tracks kept away a large portion of the community that would otherwise patronize the sport, and have insisted that a trial of the no-pool-selling plan by any noted track would prove their assertions to be true. By the aid of such arguments as this, they succeeded in securing the enactment of a law by the New York Legislature last winter absolutely prohibiting the sale of pools on the race-tracks of the State under any circumstances. One season's experience under the workings of this law has effectually shown the fallacy of the argument that the increase of patronage would more than make good the loss occasioned by the absence of the pool-box. There was a fine illustration right at Mr. Wallace's door, but he has avoided any allusion to this phase of the matter in his recent articles on the subject. According to the arguments of those with whom he is allied, Fleetwood Park, near New York City, should have done better last season than ever before, since no pool-selling was permitted within its precincts. But such has not been the case. On the contrary, the track went to ruin about as fast as the law allowed, the proprietor not even being able to pay some of the purses won in the last meeting; and this collapse is not at all due to the horsemen. Their entries in the different events were as numerous as ever, but nobody came to see the sport. The soul-destroying pool-box had been banished, but the thousands of people who, according to the anti-pool people, would flock to the track as soon as it was removed failed to put in an appearance. The crowds that formerly assembled in spite of the pool-seller also stayed away. The truth of the matter probably was that the poor attendance was not due to the prohibition of pool-selling. THE TRIBUNE does not believe that the form of betting makes any great difference in the attendance at races. But those who opposed it claimed all along that, were it done away with, thousands whom its presence kept away from tracks would at once become active supporters of the turf. This talk is the thinnest kind of gruel to be put forward as an argument in discussion of a matter that deserves honest thought, and merely shows to what men will descend when forced to the wall in a fight where facts must win. This paper has never for one moment advocated the selling of pools on race-tracks anywhere else, and probably never will. It has not tried, like the Eastern sporting journals, to carry water over a rough road on both shoulders, or engaged in the pastime of stone-throwing while residing in a glass house without any sash in the windows. The *Spirit* has performed gymnastic feats since the pool-selling question was first agitated that would throw in the shade those of the most gifted artists of the sawdust circle. It has eaten its own words as often as necessity required, which was generally about once a week. That pool-selling, *per se*, is detrimental to the general welfare of the human race is not to be denied. But to assert that it has kept away thousands of people who would otherwise have attended race-meetings is sheer nonsense, and those who commit themselves to such a statement are placed in a very unenviable position.

TRACK TALK.

Larry Hart, of New Orleans, has purchased that capital race-horse, Vermont, for $500.

Judge Fullerton is reported to be wintering finely in California. He will come East next season in charge of Orrin Hickok.

The clause in the conditions attached to the stakes of the St. Louis Jockey Club stipulating that three or more should start, has been withdrawn.

The thoroughbred filly Clara D, owned by "Lucky" Baldwin, of San Francisco, is named after Mrs. Budd Doble, who is Mr. Baldwin's daughter.

The trotting horse Allen, well known in the West as a driver and skipper, has been sold by Frank Boyd, Esq., of Milwaukee, to a New York party for $2,000.

Canadian turfmen have recently been making purchases of American thoroughbred stock, and the prospects for a lively season in the Dominion next year are good.

H. H. Greenman, of Whitewater, Wis., has sold his 3-year-old stallion Mamborino Lapwing, by Brigand, a son of Mamorino Chief, to Wickwire Bros., of Cortland, N. Y.

The most interesting feature of last week's issue of the *Turf, Field, and Farm* is an article on last season's 3-year-old trotters, presumably from the pen of Mr. Hamilton Busby.

The stallion Hyperion, by Seneca Chief, was burned to death on Saturday, 8 in his owner's barn at Hackensack, N. J. Seven other well-bred horses were destroyed at the same time.

The chestnut mare Hattie and mate, sold two years ago by parties in this city to Flood & O'Brien, the San Francisco bonanza men, are being driven on the road by Mr. Flood.

Charles Backman, proprietor of Stony Ford Farm, has just received from T. J. Scott, the animal painter, portraits of Virgo, full sister to the dam of Messenger Duroc, and Hattie Hogan, the dam of Hogarth, that trotted last season in 2:26½.

Edward S. Stokes, the murderer of Jim Fisk, is again in the front ranks of "the boys" on the roads about New York City. He recently purchased and is driving the black mare Girlie, by George Wilkes. Girlie is a well-known trotter, and trotted in 2:35 as a 3-year-old.

A contagious disease, the exact nature of which has not been determined, is making sad havoc in Her Majesty's Stud, Hampton Court, England, and has resulted in the death of three valuable broodmares: Appeal, by Scadsman, Viridis (dam of the famous Springfield), and Australasia.

Budd Doble has taken in charge the trotting stallion Gen. Benton, owned by ex-Gov. Stanford, of California, and may campaign with him next season. This is the horse that Charles Robinson, of Fishkill, N. Y., purchased for $3,000 at the Utica meeting in 1876, after he had shown a mile in 2:20¼, and afterwards disposed of to Stanford for $20,000.

The celebrated trotting mare May Bird, record 2:21, by George Wilkes, has been sold to Mr. J. S. Ferguson, of Fifty-third street, New York. The price was not made public, but it must have been a long one, as May Bird is one of the foremost horses in the country, and generally regarded as the superior of anything in her class. She is wonderfully speedy, and besides her harness record of 2:21, is credited with 2:19½ under saddle.

THE RIFLE.

CONCERNING A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The *Spirit of the Times*, which usually arrives here Monday, came to hand—at least an advance copy did—last evening. In it are a series of interviews with Chicago riflemen, whose opinions seem to "lead the van," upon the subject of a National Rifle Association. The *Spirit* publishes letters from all parts of the United States, but does not seem to place as much dependence upon the rest as it does on the views of the gentlemen of this city who are interested in this sport. And it must be allowed that the ideas advanced by Chicago riflemen are strictly to the point. They do not favor the existing N. R. A., and are mostly of the opinion which was advanced in THE TRIBUNE some weeks ago. But the present question is the calling of a National Convention, the how, and the when, and where. As to the first, it seems proper that, as the present N. R. A. have won laurels for the country, and have fostered the practice of rifle-shooting, they are the proper parties to issue a call for such a convention, and state the number of delegates to be allowed from each club or State. As to the when, the present winter would seem to be the proper season, so that Congress could take some action upon the formation and upon any bill that such an organization would originate. As to the where, some central point such, as Indianapolis, Cincinnati, or even Chicago, would be the proper place. The Western and Southern men seem to feel interested in Chicago, and from the tone of the *Spirit* Chicago seems to be the favorite place. However, that may be an after consideration; first is the idea of forming an association which shall be national in every sense. The principal opinions which the *Spirit* publishes are from Capt. J. W. Reilly, U. S. A., Ordnance Officer of Lieut.-Gen. Sheridan's Staff; Inspector-General W. E. Strong, I. N. G.; Maj.-Gen. A. C. Ducat, I. N. G., and Col. J. A. Shaffer. Many other riflemen are interested, with those of Louisiana, Wisconsin, and California, and the ideas advanced by gentlemen from all these points tend towards the same principle of a truly National American Rifle Association.

The letter of Capt. Reilly has many good points in it. Referring to the practice in the regular army, he says: "We in the army move slowly in peace times, and must catch the infection from outside influences, if target-practice is to be other than a mere routine drill. It was said of us, though it was not entirely true, that we did not use the breech-loader till everybody else had adopted it. And now we jog along with targets of the same pattern and the same obsolete method of marking that our ancestors used fifty years ago. I, however, believe that we have the best military arm in the world in our latest Springfields, and I also know from personal observation that we have probably the poorest shots, and this from a defective and poorly-encouraged system of target-practice."

From the letter of Maj.-Gen. A. C. Ducat is taken the following: "I think well of the establishment of rifle associations and yacht clubs, and such organizations as will tend to make soldiers and sailors of our young men in this country. When it has been demonstrated we have so much internal danger, and when in the event of a war of any magnitude our regular army and navy form but a nucleus around which the great volunteer force gathers and looks largely for instruction and example, it is clearly the duty of every able-bodied man to be as much a soldier or sailor as circumstances will permit, and it is the duty of those in power to create largely those circumstances, and for those who cannot participate to do all in their power to foster and encourage such organizations and the citizen soldiery."

The interview with Mr. H. W. S. Cleveland, an old and estimable citizen, is full of good points well worth reading. Col. Swain, of the First Regiment, also discloses some good ideas. On the whole, the *Spirit* has taken the right step, and will receive the hearty approval of the whole country.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE WEST PARKS.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A meeting of the West Side Park Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon at their office on Halsted street, President Wilcox in the chair. There were also present Commissioners McCrea, Bennett, Wood, Brennock, and Wilkes.

Mr. Kerr, the Secretary-elect, presented his bond, and Col. Bennett favored its approval. It was in the sum of $5,000, the bondsmen being A. S. Sprague, O. S. A. Sprague, and Jeremiah B. Briggs.

After some discussion on legal points, the bond was approved.

Mr. Wood said he found a new Secretary installed before an opportunity was had to get a receipt for the documents. He believed Mr. Wilcox authorized Mr. Kerr to take possession.

Mr. Kerr said he was willing to keep away from the office till the receipt of these documents had been agreed upon.

Mr. McCrea thought the fact that Mr. Kerr was in the office was presumptive evidence of the approval of the Committee.

A question was asked Mr. Wood concerning the documents

THE CITY.

GENERAL NEWS.

Democracy tried to assert itself last night at the Palmer House, but lacked a quorum.

Mr. A. H. Adams, wife, and son left the Palmer House last week for a trip to Florida, Nassau, and Cuba.

The Foundling's Home is sadly in need of relief. Contributions of money, food, or clothing, will be gladly received.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, 7,500 persons passed the corner of State and Madison streets,—125 a minute.

A lady's leather pocketbook containing a railroad ticket to Lemont and some baggage-checks awaits an owner at the West Madison Street Station.

S. P. Wells, who made the Bogardus prize negatives, who is indorsed by the leading artists of the country as being at the head of his profession, has accepted a position at the Gentile Photograph Studio.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by Manasse, optician, 88 Madison street (Tribune Building), was as follows: At 8 a. m., 42 degrees; 10 a. m., 48; 12 m., 54; 3 p. m., 50; 7 p. m., 52. Barometer at 8 a. m., 29.92; 7 a. m., 30.00.

Nothing new could be learned yesterday regarding the failure of J. D. Easter & Co. Mr. Holton, the Assignee, said the creditors and debtors were so scattered that at least a week would be required to make a schedule of the assets and liabilities.

Mr. John L. Wickers, of No. 134 Front street, was thrown out of his buggy Thursday afternoon, and died from the effects of his injuries Friday morning. He was a member of Keystone Lodge, Chicago Commandery and the Consistory, and will be buried with Masonic honors to-day.

Coroner Dietzch yesterday held an inquest upon Peter Beuzinck, 10 years of age, who was accidentally drowned in the river near the Division street bridge; and upon an infant daughter of George Barnford, of No. 37 Cornelia street, who died of infantile convulsions.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon William Ebers, slater, employed on the rear of No. 62½ Dearborn avenue, fell from the roof to the ground, a distance of four stories, and was so seriously injured that his life is despaired of. He was taken to his home, No. 216 Chestnut street.

The Rev. Mr. Cushman, one of the delegates to the recent Episcopal Convention at Quincy, returned to the city Friday night bearing with him the Rev. Dr. Harris' official notification of his election as Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy. The letter was delivered to Dr. Harris yesterday, and the matter is under consideration. In view of the many weighty considerations involved in the acceptance of this new responsibility, Dr. Harris will, as was stated yesterday, take the time to carefully deliberate over the matter before making up his mind.

Tuesday, the employes of the packing-house of Libby, McNeill & Libby presented the Superintendent, Mr. W. T. Palmer, with a sleigh, two robes, a set of harness, and a whip. Mr. Palmer has been connected with the establishment for a long time, and has so endeared himself to his subordinates that they were obliged to find vent for their feelings, and did it in the manner indicated. The articles were presented on behalf of the workmen by Mr. Thomas Cowan, and were received with a cordial acknowledgment of his appreciation by Mr. Palmer.

The Rev. J. M. Gibson, D. D., will deliver his ninth Bible reading to-day in Farwell Hall at 4:30 p. m. Subject: "Jacob." The Bliss Memorial Chour will have charge of the singing. W. O. Lattimore will conduct a Gospel temperance meeting in Farwell Hall this evening. The third of the series of meetings for railway men will be held in the railway reading-room at the passenger Southern and Rock Island passenger depot, corner Van Buren and Lasalle streets, at 3:30 p. m. to-day, conducted by A. J. Bird, of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad.

Harry Wade, the 6-year-old about whom so much fuss has been raised recently by the Humane Society, was last night reported low at the police stations. The boy was terribly abused and maltreated at his home, No. 171 Randolph street, and several efforts to prosecute the mother have ignominiously failed. It is likely that the young American will be taken the law into his own hands, and has run away from home, though it is barely probable that some one has abducted the boy. He is a smart, intelligent child, of a good size for his age, and is neatly and comfortably dressed.

The dummy train of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, which runs to South Chicago, is now drawn by an engine remodeled especially for this run. It is called the John Stryker, and has all the latest improvements, such as patent bell-ringer, oil cups, etc. The old engine, the Detroit, is an old-timer, having run several years on the main line before being put to this work. About a year ago the Company built a very light engine, the Gazelle, with single drive wheels, for this train, but they found it was not heavy enough to do the work, and it was transferred to the Stock-Yards train.

The new Probate Court will begin business Monday morning in the rooms at No. 77 Clark street, which the county has rented for this purpose. The new court will have the most capacious and elegant court-rooms in the city. There is a large front one for the court, and adjoining rooms for the clerk, Judges' chamber, and jury. They were so well adapted for the purpose for which they will hereafter be used, that hardly anything had to be done in the way of remodeling them. Mr. R. E. Goodrich, the owner of the building, had done all in his power to make the Probate Court comfortable, and has unquestionably succeeded in his effort.

At the close of the Bible lesson yesterday the teachers of the infant Sunday-school scholars held a meeting for the purpose of perfecting their organization. Mrs. D. C. Cook presided. Mr. Chase read the constitution which had been prepared by a committee, but a snag was struck when the membership clause was reached, and the whole matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Kent, Mr. Chase, and Mrs. Cook. Officers will be elected the first Saturday in January, and it is hoped that all the teachers of primary classes will join the organization before New Year's. The next meeting will be held in Lower Farwell Hall at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The body of the man run over on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad near Palatine was identified yesterday as that of John Glansen, a Swede, for the last three years employed by David Oliver, of the Chicago Oatmeal Mills. The deceased had upwards of $1,500 deposited in the State Savings. The loss of his money seemed to weigh heavily on his mind. Last Tuesday night he left the mill at 6 p. m., and that was the last seen of him alive. How he got to Palatine is a mystery. Mr. Oliver and the employes of the mill contributed sufficient to defray the expenses of the funeral, which takes place today at 9:30 a. m., from his home, 58 West Ohio street. It is a commentary on the way things are managed that the deceased lay three days in the morgue, and full descriptions of him had been left at each police station by his friends. The deceased was in his miller's clothes, which would have been a clew for the authorities to find out who he was. He has left a widow and one child about a year old.

"Now, children," said the teacher, "we will give you a little sum in mental arithmetic. A young man who wishes to save up money to get married with, or to start a faro-bank with, or something, puts aside $10 a week for twenty-six weeks—that makes——" "Two hundred and sixty dollars," chorused the schoolars shrilly. "Well then, semi-annual interest is declared at the rate of 4 per cent per annum on it; add that, and it makes how much?" "It makes $265.20," chorused the little ones, after a moment's pause. "Keerect, said their kind teacher, approvingly. "Then he draws out $28 to go on a spree with, and $12 to buy a revolver, and goes to draw the rest. How much will he get?" In about two minutes all the class but one boy burst out "$225.20, sir." "Wrong! wrong!" said the teacher. "I know, sir, please," said the boy who had not previously spoken, so he eagerly snapped his fingers. "Well, how much, my son?" said the teacher, kindly. "He won't get a darn' cent for sixty days," yelled the boy. "Go up head," cried the teacher, with enthusiasm; "you will live to be a savings-bank President yourself."

The ladies composing the Board of Managers of the Unity Church Industrial School and a committee of ladies representing the Homeopathic Central Dispensary met yesterday morning at the Tremont House parlors to complete the arrangements for the "Mother Goose soirees" which are to be given next Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon at Farwell Hall, under the direction Mr. G. B. Bartlett, of Concord, Mass. Mrs. Sabin Smith presided, and about thirty ladies were in attendance. It was decided that a rehearsal should be had at Farwell Hall to-morrow, and the ladies were requested to be present there at 4 o'clock, the children at 5 o'clock, and the gentlemen who are to take part at 6 o'clock. Mr. Bartlett will arrive to-day, and the ladies will meet him at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at the Tremont House. To avoid all complications, those who will have purchased tickets before Tuesday are urged to go to Farwell upon that morning of that day and secure their reserved seats, for which there will be no extra charge. If children find that the seats for the Saturday afternoon performance have all been taken, they can get tickets for an evening performance without extra charge.

ELECTIONS.

At a meeting of the Chicago Open Board of Trade, held at their rooms, 123 and 125 La Salle street, yesterday, the following officers were elected: President, G. M. Baxter; Vice-President, C. Irwin; Treasurer, M. H. Hanks; Secretary, W. Headlamp; Directors, E. C. Clark, William R. Richards, J. F. Lyon, —— Higbee.

At the regular convocation of Wiley M. Egan Chapter, 126, R. A. M., Friday evening, the officers were duly installed by M. E. Comp. John O'Neil, as Grand High Priest; Comp. B. S. Butterworth as Grand C. of H.; and the Rev. John Leach as Grand Chaplain. At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies all present partook of a sumptuous banquet prepared by the Egan Chapter.

The following officers-elect of Landmark Lodge, No. 422, A. F. and A. M., were duly installed Friday evening by Past-Master J. E. Chadwick, W. G. Purdy, P. M., acting as Grand Marshal: Peter Dagpy, W. M.; Charles M. Clark, S. W.; George Lee, J. W.; W. L. Culver, Treasurer; Byron Harris, Secretary; W. M. Chamberlain, S. D.; F. E. Haynes, J. D.; W. J. Sampson, S. S.; H. H. Wilder, J. S.; G. S. Hull, Tyler.

At the Annual Convocation of Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., held Monday evening, the following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing Masonic year: M. E. Comp. W. H. Reid, H. P.; Comp. B. S. Butterworth, K.; William E. Forsyth, S.; N. H. Merrill, C. H.; J. G. Miller, P. S.; George H. Laflin, Treasurer; E. N. Tucker, Secretary; E. R. Catlin, R. A. C.; A. C. Lamb, M. Third V.; S. W. McArthur, M. Second V.; W. E. Poulson, M. First V.; James McNair, Sentinel.

The officers-elect of Gen. George A. Custer Post, No. 40, G. A. R., are as follows: F. C. Vierling, Commander; John Goggin, S. Vice-Commander; Phillo Punch, J. Vice-Commander; Richard T. Higgins, Quartermaster; Richard D. Foss, Chaplain; L. S. Hudson, O. D.; John Moran, Adjutant; Charles Schroeder, O. G.; R. C. Gibson, Surgeon. F. C. Vierling, Frank Kennedy, and B. S. Wakeman are delegates to the State Encampment.

At the regular annual convocation of Ellwood M. Jarret Chapter, No. 176, R. A. M., at Englewood, Thursday evening, the following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing Masonic year: R. J. Colburn, M. E. H. Priest; J. G. Woods, E. King; Frank Sheffield, Scribe; A. Charles Potter, Captain of Host; E. N. Tillottson, P. Sojourner; James A. Blaine, R. A. Captain; William Pullman, Grand Master Third Veil; C. H. Vehmeyer, Grand Master Second Veil; W. S. Hancock, Grand Master First Veil; J. G. Griffiths, Sentinel.

SUICIDE.

Emily, aged 16, the daughter of Theodore Spangler, of No. 216 Chestnut street, committed suicide yesterday morning. She was a woman at 14, and premature development, in the opinion of the family physician, had affected her mind. At times she was apparently happy; at others melancholy. For several years she had not played with her other children, and, occasionally, would refuse to see any one at all, though usually she seemed delighted at meeting people. Within the last six months she had frequently expressed a wish that she were dead, saying she was tired of life, and asking whether strychnine or arsenic was the best poison. When her father left home at half-past 7 o'clock yesterday morning, she bid him good-by lovingly, and subsequently went into a neighbor's house, being apparently very cheerful. Along towards 9 o'clock, after her return, she came from the kitchen to the back parlor, where her mother was sitting, and said to her: "I have taken poison." "Why did you do so?" asked her mother. "Save me! save me!" was the only reply. Dr. Strausser was sent for, but the young lady was in convulsions when he arrived, and, though he used the stomach-pump, his efforts to save her were unavailing. She died in less than half an hour. The symptoms were those peculiar to strychnine. Where she procured the drug is unknown, as there was none in the house. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day.

THE BANKS.

Intense quiet prevailed among the banks yesterday, nothing occurring out of the dull routine connected with the settling-up process. Receiver Jackson, of the Third National, reports that 117 claims have been proved up, representing in amount $300,000. Holders of drafts drawn upon foreign correspondents of the banks are informed that they stand in the same position as the depositors,—i. e., they are required to prove up their drafts according to the manner prescribed.

Mr. Kilian, Receiver of the German-American Savings Bank, filed his bond yesterday, which was approved. He will take possession Monday, and apply himself with all diligence to the work of closing up the concern.

Receiver Horton, of the German Savings, is still at work on his first report, which he hopes to file during the week.

Receiver Glover, of the Central National, was not around yesterday, his attack of fever and ague keeping him at home. The clerks said there was no news.

Utter, unrelieved dullness expresses the condition of things at the other institutions.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Sherman House—L. M. Brazee, Rockford; J. S. Jenkins, Clinton, Ia.; the Hon. C. A. Hamilton, Connecticut; J. H. Dewey, Brooklyn; C. W. Goodrich, Salem, Ore.; Prof. E. O. Sewell, New York; A. J. Rock, New York; T. Maguire, San Francisco; J. W. Sanders, Belaire, O.... *Tremont House*—J. Dan, Oshkosh; G. M. and C. B. Henderson, Portland; W. B. Williamson, New Orleans; Dr. J. J. Marston, Ottawa; R. J. Bard, Deadwood; J. S. Cole, Wheeling, W. Va.; L. E. Thompson and A. M. Bennett, Detroit; W. J. Lamarr, St. Louis; G. C. Rich, New York; G. S. Davidson, Montgomery, Ala.; Frank Guiteau, New Orleans.... *Grand Pacific*—E. P. Vining, Omaha; Thomas L. Kilmon, Omaha; the Hon. L. E. Reed, St. Paul; the Hon. Columbus Delano, Ohio; Judge Thomas P. Tipton, Bloomington; C. P. Clarke, Boston; the Rev. W. W. Calhoun, Colorado; the Hon. J. T. Gilchrist, Wheeling; Maj. James P. Beardsley, Rock Island; A. H. Wylie, London, Eng.; the Hon. Wilcesbarre; John Gangee, London, Eng.; J. K. Emmett, San Francisco; Col. D. B. Henderson, Dubuque.... *Palmer House*—Hon. L. L. Hunt, U. S. A.; G. S. Frost, Detroit; the Hon. W. H. Pubilter, St. Louis; John S. Blair, Washington; Col. G. P. Thruston, Nashville; Capt. C. A. Bradley, U. S. A.; Thomas Mallory, Deadwood; F. W. Foster, U. S. A.; Judge J. L. Spooner, Madison.

GEN. SHERIDAN

AND HIS INDIAN DELEGATION.

Gen. Sheridan returned from Washington Friday night, and was waited upon yesterday morning by the delegation of Northern Cheyenne Chiefs, consisting of Two-Moons, Little-Chief, Crazy-Mule, High-Backbone, Old-Wolf, and Black-Wolf, under the charge of the Government Interpreter, Ben Clarke, one of Gen. Miles' scouts. The conference was held at high noon, and the appearance of these real, live Indians, done up in all the glory of freshly-daubed war-paint, served to attract a crowd of Board of Trade people, casual passers-by, and any number of street-gamins, to whom the sight of so much greatness was peculiarly exhilarating. The voice of the aforesaid street-Arabs was heard in the land as the untutored children of the forest made their way up into the Union Building and thence into army headquarters, and it is not too much to say that some of the remarks were what these wards of the nation would have termed entirely irrelevant, if not impertinent, had they been blessed with the ability to understand them. But as they were not so blessed, they passed on, and took no notice.

The object of the conference on the part of the Indians was to know with more certainty what was to be done with them by the Great Father. The chiefs above named, with the bands they represent, aggregating 301 warriors, surrendered to Gen. Miles nearly a year ago. They took part in the Custer campaign, but since their surrender they have been co-operating with that commander at his headquarters on the Tongue River. Some time ago it became evident that it was costing too much to keep them there, where provisions were so scarce, and Gen. Sheridan ordered that they go to Lincoln, where they might remain until the 1st of next May, if they chose, or proceed at once to the reservations in the Indian Territory. The Indians, with their natural desire to talk, increased by a desire to take a look at the highest evidences of civilization, which were, of course, to be found in Chicago, persuaded Gen. Miles to let them come to this city, when they could see the place, hold a pow-wow with Gen. Sheridan, and decide just which alternative they would accept—go to Lincoln or the Indian Territory. At the conference yesterday, Gen. Sheridan expressly stipulated that there was to be no "big talk," as the only thing to do was for them to decide on one of two things. The stipulation had the effect of repressing almost every one of the visitors except Two-Moons, who was animated with the natural desire to tell the General all the valorous deeds that he and his progenitors had ever accomplished. He was not suffered, however, to proceed with his self-eulogistic remarks to any great extent. The result of the conference, which lasted perhaps half an hour, was that the Indians expressed themselves as willing to go to Lincoln or the Indian Territory, but if they had any preference at all, it would be to go to Lincoln, remain there until May 1, and then march on down to the reservations. As this was the General's preference, it of course did not take long to come to a conclusion. Their ultimate removal to the Territory is only another step in the Government's policy of getting the Indians away from the exciting scenes of their youth and manhood, including several battle-fields where they have shown their prowess, and of settling them where they will be under the benign and civilizing influences of the Indian Bureau. The party will return to Bismarck in a day or so, where they will join their bands and take up the line of march to Lincoln, to remain there until May 1, and then remove to the reservations.

THE PUZZLED TAILOR.

WHY THE POLITE CUSTOMER'S NEW COAT AND PANTS DIDN'T FIT.

A few days ago a stalwart, handsome man stepped into a tailor's shop on Clark street, and asked to be measured for a fashionable suit, on which he paid a $30 deposit without rising on his ear to a point of order. "Please take pains with them," he said to the tailor, "for I like a good fit, and, as a rule, I don't get it." "We never have anything but a good fit, sir," said the artist loftily, adding, with that keen delight in disparaging a brother artist's work so dear to every artist, "those clothes you have on fit you like bags, sir. Made by some slop-shop insolvent, I suppose, who circulates poor handbills instead of advertising in The Tribune." "Made in St. Louis, by a fashionable tailor," replied the customer. "Ah, yes; I thought it was country-made. Very good, however, for St. Louis, sir; for you're not an easy gentleman to fit."

At the appointed time the customer called, found the clothes ready, retired, tried them on, and stood up before the tailor. "There, sir," said the artist, admiringly, "there's what I call a fit, sir: fits you like wall-paper. How do you find them?" "The pants are a little too short, I think," said the customer timidly. "Impossible, impossible," said the tailor, flopping down on his knees; "you haven't got them pulled down. There! How does that go?" "That's better, but the knee is about half-way down my shin," said the customer patiently. "But the other leg seems a leetle long, though, perhaps, I'm mistaken." The tailor got down and examined the other leg attentively; then said, "May my goose burn me but they don't fit!" "And," said the customer, "I don't like to trouble you, but the coat seems to be a little tight over this shoulder—here." "Well," said the tailor, as a cold sweat poured off him "I can't understand this. It was one of our best fitters that took your measure, a thorough artist, but a little inclined to look upon the wine when it is red. Compelled to discharge him this very week because of this fault. On this occasion, sir, I fear that he must have put an enemy into his tape-line to steal away his fit. However, sir, we will have this rectified in two minutes by one of my young men who never drinks. Here, Mr. Smith."

The young man came obedient to the summons, and, the matter being explained to him, set to work with measure and chalk. "You'll have to shorten the left leg of the pants," said his boss, "and let down the right leg half an inch or so." "Just the other way, sir," said his assistant; "it's the right leg that's too long, and vice versa." "Well, I'll be bulldozed," said his boss, "but it is. Upon my sacred word of honor," he continued, "I could have sworn that it was the other way." "Mistakes will happen in the best regulated families," said the customer pleasantly. "But I can't understand such a mistake," said the tailor, bursting into tears. "Thirty-four years I've been in the business on my own account, besides seven years I was an apprentice, and I never knew myself to make a mistake." "Well, never mind," said the placid customer, "just see about the coat." "Certainly, sir, certainly. Mr. Snip, you will have to ease the coat a little on the left shoulder." "The left shoulder?" said the assistant; "why, the left shoulder is all right. The right one is too tight." The boss felt himself and the counter, and rubbed a fold of prime Melton gently between his finger and thumb, and then said in a dreamy voice: "I am awake, too. I thought it was all a horrid dream. Get me the book of measures."

It was brought, and he consulted its pages; then took the tape in his hand with a determined air. "He put it down 15½," said he, "but it must be more. Put down 16¼, Mr. Snip," he said, after taking as elaborate a measurement as if he had been one of the United States survey. "All right, sir: 16¼ it is" said the assistant. "Fourteen and three-quarters your employer said," mildly observed the customer. "No, sir; he said 16¼. I can trust my ears," protested the assistant, while the tailor chimed in: "It was 16¼, sir; I saw it with my own eyes." "The evidence of our senses is not always to be depended upon implicitly," cried the stranger; "I have the evidence of my ears, too, and, as 14¾ is not at all like 16¼ in sound, I could almost bet that it was 14¾ you said. However, that is a point soon settled. Measure again." "Certainly, sir," rejoined the artist, and he measured again; then the tape dropped from his nerveless fingers as he cried: "It is 14¾, too." "I knew it was," said the imperturbable stranger; "it was 14¾ you said, but your young man's speaking of 16¼ confused you very likely. These things happen very often, and should teach us never to be positive without good cause for being positive. But," he went on, as the tailor gazed nervously into the pier-glass to see if his hair had turned gray or not, "that shoulder seems to be all right now." The tailor scratinized it, made him work his arm, and said in an awe-struck voice: "Gosh dum me, but it is all right. And," he added, "there is nothing wrong with the pants either." "No," said the customer, as he tried them, "they seem to fit very well indeed; please have these old clothes sent round to the Grand Pacific Hotel," and he walked out leaving two of the most surprised men in Chicago behind him.

"Did you smell anything like matches?" questioned the boss of his assistant. "Did his feet feel as if they were hoofs?" asked the assistant of his boss. "Well, it's twenty-one years since I carried home a parcel," said the boss, meditatively, "but I'll carry it round to the hotel and find out who that cuss is, or I'll eat my yardstick." He did so, and asked the gentlemanly clerk, with an affectation of indifference, who the customer was. far from feeling, "if he knew who the gent in 184 was." "Certainly," said the clerk, with a look of reproach, "I know everybody. He's a singular man." "Yes; he's the devil, isn't he?" said the tailor. "You bet he is," said the clerk; "if you were to see him in the circus—" "The circus?" said the tailor, wildly. "Yes, the circus; that's the great contortionist—the guttapercha man." There fell from the tailor's eyes, as it had been scales.

TRADES UNIONS.

AN INHARMONIOUS MEETING.

The Trades Unions gathered last night in a back room of the West Twelfth Street Turner Hall, in order to amalgamate the different trades. Mr. Samuel Goldwater, a cigar-maker, was chosen Chairman, and J. A. Creed, an upholsterer, wielded the pencil. After the usual row a Committee on Credentials was chosen. The trades represented were the cigar-packers, picture-frame makers, Typographical Union, iron moulders, carpenters and joiners, cloth-cutters, shoemakers, cigar makers, furniture workers, silver gilders and lacquers, painter, Knights of St. Crispin No. 8, marine engineers, furniture and polishers, bricklayers, and stair builders.

The Chair requested that delegates would not smoke. So ordered.

Mr. Simmons presented a bill of 60 cents for advertising the meeting, which was laid over for consideration.

Mr. J. C. Stone, an upholsterer, wanted to know if the meeting or proposed organization was political, or in the interest of labor. Who proceeded to denounce capitalists in general, and railroad men in particular, and declared that he wanted wages increased all round. There were 2,000,000 men out of work; ground under the iron heel.

Mr. William Ponsonby favored secret meetings. This delegate understood that in favor of the "Society of the Three Stars,"—otherwise "The Amalgamated Workingmen, No. 440,"—the Chicago allas of the secret organization which seeks to control the labor movement throughout the country.

Mr. Engelhardt, cigar-maker, wanted a combination of workingmen, irrespective of politics. [Applause.]

The Chair advised that a committee on constitution and by-laws should be appointed. If they didn't like them they could throw them away.

A protracted row then occurred, in the course of which one Morgan, who attempted to run the last meeting in his own way, was abused rather roughly. The roll being called, it was decided to organize a Trade Council.

An election for officers was then held, resulting as follows: President, Mr. Parsons; Vice-President, Mr. Rogers; Secretary, Mr. Creed; Financial Secretary, Mr. Williams; Treasurer, Mr. Arley. A committee of one from each trade was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws, and, after a protracted wrangle, the meeting adjourned for four weeks, unless called together earlier by the Chairman of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There will be a meeting of the Women's Baptist Home-Mission Union Tuesday at 10 a. m. for sewing and business.

Robert ollyer will lecture on Charlotte Bronte, Monday evening, at Oakland Church, for the benefit of the Temperance Rooms and the Literary Club.

Miss Fanny McCartney will deliver her lecture on the "Question of the Day" (temperance) in the West End Opera-House (dime course) this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Col. Mason B. Loomis will address the Nineteenth Ward Council, U. L. A., on political topics Monday evening in the church on Ashley street, between Hoyne and Lobey.

The ladies of the Oakland Congregational Church will continue the sale of dolls and fancy articles at the church parlors, Oakwood boulevard, Thursday and Friday evenings, and through Saturday. Tableaux each evening.

W. M. R. French will deliver his illustrated lecture upon "The Wit and Wisdom of the Crayon," at Englewood, Tuesday evening. The Sunday-schools have engaged Mr. French's services for Christmas entertainments during the holidays.

The Methodist Church on the corner of Forty-fourth and Winter streets, in the Stock-Yards, will be formally dedicated to-day. There will be services at 11 a. m. and 3 and 7:30 p. m., at which there will be preaching by Drs. Willing, McChesney, and Trusdell.

The Chicago Athenæum winter term of day and night classes begins Dec. 31. It had 700 class students last term, and can accommodate twice as many with ease. French, German, Latin, Phonography, Bookkeeping, Elocution, Mathematics, Writing, Grammar, Reading, Drawing, Singing, Painting, Instrumental Music, etc., taught at extremely low prices.

The American Home Association will hold, in the stores under the Gardner House, beginning Tuesday evening, a bazar, with lunches, the proceeds to go toward establishing a day nursery or shelter where poor women who go out to work may leave their children, and have them kept warm and comfortable, and out of harm's way. The services of a kindergarten teacher have been donated, and the use of a building has been promised.

The first Conference of the Chicago District (Methodist) convenes in the Clark Street Church at 7:30 Monday evening. Bishop Merrill will preside, and Drs. Thomas and Hatfield will make addresses. The Conference will be organized at 9:30 Tuesday morning, and the sessions will continue until Wednesday afternoon. Papers will be read on interesting topics. Dr. Reynolds, of the Red Ribbon men, will lecture Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

WISCONSIN STATE OFFICERS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Col. Frank H. Putney, who has served so acceptably as private secretary to Gov. Ludington during the past two years, has been tendered by Secretary Warner the position of Assistant Secretary of State, and has accepted the position. Col. Putney is a gentleman of fine abilities, and will prove a popular and efficient officer.

J. H. Waggoner, editor of the *Richland County Observer*, has been appointed Chief Clerk of the Land Office. S. McBride, of this city, who was a prominent candidate for the position, has been appointed Assitant Chief Clerk.

All appointments in the Land Office have been decided upon, but the names of the lucky applicants have not yet been made public.

H. E. MOLLAN,

at No. 83 Madison street, opposite McVicker's Theatre, has just received a lot of new goods, and his prices for handsome, stylishly-made garments are the lowest in Chicago. Mr. Mollan does nothing by halves, and all the attire produced by him is well-fashioned, well-fitted, well-made, and well-trimmed. And the wearers look well, feel well, and are well. Go to Mollan for satisfactory suitings.

THE NEW FIRM.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that Messrs. Coan & Ten Broeke have ceased to manufacture and repair carriages, and Mr. Ten Broeke earnestly recommends all his old customers and friends to go to C. P. Kimball & Co. for their carriage work.

THE SEWING-MACHINE AWARD AT THE

American Institute Fair, held in New York City during November last, when the Wheeler & Wilson sewing-machine was awarded the only "special medal" given to any sewing-machine company (and nearly every sewing-machine company made an exhibit there). The value of this "special medal" as an award will be fully realized after reading the following rule governing the judges, viz.:

III.—THE SPECIAL MEDAL.

The special medal shall be awarded *only* for an article or process of great importance and extraordinary merit.

(Signed) J. G. BROSNAHAN, E. F. WOOD, JNO. W. COLLINS, } Judges.

This new machine can now be had at the Company's salesrooms, 155 State street.

THE SHAWMUT.

We are authorized to deny the rumor, which has been floating around for several days, that the Shawmut Fire, of Boston, is thinking of reinsuring and withdrawing from business. On the contrary, the Company is in good condition and progressively disposed.—*New York Mail.*

The Shawmut has over $650.000 clear cash assets. The management is economical and conservative, and has no idea of abandoning the business. R. J. Smith, No. 110 LaSalle street, is the city and general agent.

CATARRH TREATMENT INVESTIGATED.

A gentleman sent by a committee from Colorado to investigate the treatment and remedies for Catarrh, spent three days last week in our city in this work. Finding the preponderance of reliable testimony greatly in favor of "Dr. Sykes' Sure Cure for Catarrh," he invested in that remedy, and left a long list of names of interested parties to be supplied.

The Doctor has recently published a list of cures which, in point of numbers, variety, and severity of cases, stands unparalleled. This, with his invaluable book and a trial of the remedy, he gives free to all who apply at his office, 169 East Madison street.

IT SELDOM HAPPENS

that an opportunity presents itself to purchase holiday gifts of intrinsic value at auction. Therefore, the attention of our readers is called to the extensive sale of gold and silver watches, chains, studs, rings, lockets, opera-glasses, diamonds, jewelry, etc., on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17 and 18, by William A. Butters & Co., at 174 East Randolph street. Be wise and attend this sale.

FURNITURE—CLOSING-OUT SALE.

In addition to the various inducements we are offering at the closing-out sale of our retail stock of fine and medium furniture, we will, until Jan. 1, have on hand a large variety of parlor suits and easy chairs, covered with the best raw silk materials, every shade, at one-half their regular value. H. & M. Neuberger & Co., 267 and 269 Wabash avenue.

PULLMAN HOTEL-CARS

are now running regularly between Chicago and Council Bluffs on the California express trains of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. No other road runs Pullman hotel-cars, or any other form of hotel-cars, through between Chicago and the Missouri River. Ticket offices, 62 Clark street, under Sherman House.

TILE FLOWER-BOXES

are becoming so fashionable that Mr. Chas. L. Pare, agent and importer of Minton tiles, has made a large number of them in elegant designs from English drawings, and offers them at greatly reduced prices for the holidays. Salesroom, Jackson and Dearborn streets.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

The most suitable, inexpensive, and useful present is a set of those fine and beautiful teeth at McChesney's; only $8 for the best. Avoid the rush by going early. Preserve the natural teeth, the finest gold fillings at one-third the usual rates. Open evenings.

CALIFORNIA.

The highest award ever made, "a Gold Medal," was given us for absolute purity and superiority of our California wines. No household should be without them. Perkins, Stern & Co., 111 Randolph street.

GREAT REDUCTION.

Copelin, the leading photographer of the city, has reduced the prices for the holidays. The most beautiful cabinet size for $6, and card size for $3 per dozen. Studio, 75 Madison street.

HOLIDAY PHOTOS AT GENTILE'S.

The new style of pictures made only at Gentile's are proving the most popular for Christmas gifts. Studios, 103 State street.

EVIDENCE OF WORTH.

Dr. Price's cream baking powder is used in the families of the most careful and sagacious medical men in this country.

BIRTHS.

KAUCHER—Dec. 9. Mrs. Lucy S. Kaucher, of Oregon, Mo., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BOEHME—DAGGETT—Dec. 13, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J. W. Phillips, Hugo Von Boehme, of Joliet, and Belle F. Dagge t, of Lockport, Ill. No cards.

MERSEREAU-LOUD—At Cleveland, O., Dec. 10, at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 424 Prospect street, by the Rev. J. L. Robertson, Roswell C. Mercereau, of Chicago, and Miss Antoinette T. Loud.

DEATHS.

METZGER—Tuesday, Dec. 11, of diphtheretic croup, Nellie, beloved daughter of J. F. and C. P. Metzger, aged 4 years and 1 month.

☞ Buffalo (N. Y.) papers please copy.

KENYON—On the 15th inst., of diphtheria, Gertrude K., youngest daughter of D. B. and Mary E. Kenyon, aged 2 years and 22 days.

Funeral from residence, 317 Third avenue, Sunday at 12 m., by carriages to Rosehill.

Michigan and Syracuse (N. Y.) papers please copy.

SPRINGER—In this city, Dec. 14, Samuel Springer, aged 73 years 6 months.

Funeral at Park Avenue M. E. Church, 3 p. m. to-day.

JANES—At Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 14, Mrs. Adrian Janes, formerly Miss Malinda Barber, of this city.

BOLTON—Dec. 15, of consumption, Mary Louisa Bolton, the beloved wife of James Bolton.

The funeral services will take place at the residence, 95 South Park avenue, on the 17th inst., at 1 o'clock p. m. The friends of the family are invited to attend. Carriages to Oakwood Cemetery.

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"SIDONIE."

THE PICTURE OF LIFE AND MANNERS

sold up to view at McVicker's in "Sidonie, the Married Flirt," appears to have proved quite acceptable to the patrons of that theatre, while the controversy which has arisen respecting the morale of the piece has created no little curiosity. According to the defenders of the play as against the charge that it is impure and unhealthy in tone, "Sidonie" is an immaculate production embodying a great moral lesson, because, in the stereotyped phrase, vice is punished and virtue rewarded. The same might be said in favor of the Mysteries of the Court of George the Fourth, and other delectable romances of that order, in which the reader revels in an atmosphere of sensuality, "but all in the interest of good morals." Jack Sheppard must be considered a pure romance on the same ground, for the hero was hanged. *Sidonie* is manifestly something more than a flirt. If the moral purpose of the play was to exhibit sin in all its naked deformity, why go half-way, and merely leave the sin to be inferred. The actions of *Sidonie's* lovers are hardly conceivable save on the supposition that she was unfaithful to her husband. The novelist took this view of it, and the retribution that falls upon her is all the more striking. The admirers of this play apparently can see no impropriety in presenting scenes of polite seduction upon the stage, but they would probably groan with disgust if the playwright had been bold and artistic enough to represent *Sidonie* as she really was. Yet the "moral" would have been stronger; vice would have been viewed in its true colors, and the fate of a shameless, heartless woman would have taught a useful lesson. As it is, we see merely the representation of a frivolous, insinately wicked creature, fond of fincry, and determined to the last to indulge her passion for dresses and diamonds. There is no retribution, for she simply gravitates to her natural level, leaving us to feel simply pity and contempt for her dupes. Mr. McVicker insists that this kind of thing is pure morality. Yet we remember to have heard Mr. McVicker excusing (not defending) such plays as the French leave us from a long time on the purely commercial ground that the public wanted them. He has deplored the depravity of the popular taste that rejects the fine old comedies and patronizes "Pink Dominos." He has professed to aim at the elevation of the public taste, and at the commencement of the present season he made quite an affecting appeal to the people of Chicago to aid him in his pious endeavor. Circumstances over which he had no control have apparently diverted him from his pure intent. He now comes forward as the champion of French morality. This is not strictly consistent.

LOCAL NOTES.

THE THEATRES.

"Sidonie, the Married Flirt," will be kept on the boards at McVicker's for another week.

Callender's Georgia Minstrels will occupy the New Chicago Theatre during Christmas week, presenting some new minstrel attractions.

At the New Chicago, Mr. Wurster's German dramatic company will appear this evening in Lessing's great play, "Emilia Galotti." A good performance may be expected as the principal parts are in the hands of competent actors. Miss Mary Wolff assumes the title role, and Miss Emma Wiese the difficult part of *Countess Orsina*. The part of *Marinelli* will be assumed by Mr. Helme.

On Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas week) Mr. Haverly will present Shakespeare's great tragedy "Antony and Cleopatra," with Miss Rose Eytinge as *Cleopatra*. She will be supported by George Boniface as *Antony*, and by Miss Ida Jeffreys, Miss Adelaide Cherie, Mr. Gustavus Levick, Mr. Ringold, and the entire company from the Broadway Theatre, under the management of Mr. James C. Duff. A complete Egyptian ballet will be with the company, led by the favorite dancer, Betty Rigl. The scenery, costumes, and other accessories of the play will arrive here early next week, and the company will come on Saturday next. The piece has been a great hit in New York.

The Adelphi management takes a leap from female minstrelsy to "high dramatic art." Tomorrow evening Mr. D. H. Harkins, an actor who has sustained a good reputation for many years, will open in "Jack Cade," in which he will be assisted by the following ladies and gentlemen:

Aylmere, Jack Cade	Mr. Harkins
Marianne, his wife	Miss Fannie Price
Lord Say	Mr. Pope Cook
Lord Clifford	Mr. George W. Reed
Lord Buckingham	Mr. J. G. Henderson
Lord Thomas	Mr. J. H. Allegar
Lord Suffolk	Mr. T. Morrison
Father Lacy, a friar	Mr. George W. Maxwell
Wat Worthy	Mr. W. H. Stuart
Master Mowbray	Mr. D. Loane
Pembroke	Mr. Duke Murray
Sutton	Mr. J. Sullivan
Jack Straw	Mr. Scott Marble
Courtney, the steward	Mr. Ed Barrett
A Kentish man	Mr. Stephen Richardson
Kate Worthy	Miss Madeline Hardy
Widow Cade	Miss Annie Douglas
Child	Miss Lafayette

MISCELLANEOUS.

On Tuesday evening the West End Dramatic Company performed "Aurora Floyd" to a large audience, with Miss Sara Regan in the leading part, and H. M. Dickson as "Steve Hargrave," the Softy. The company was put to a little trouble on account of one of their members not being able to play, but, notwithstanding, everything went off to perfection. Ed Connolly took the part of "Mat Harrison," and his make-up and actions showed the right style of an English dog-fancier. The whole concluded with the amusing farce, "Area Belle," with Miss Frankie Dye as the "Belle."

The Emmett ("Fritz") combination, which has just been organized for a tour through the Northwest, consists of the following: J. K. Emmett, Randolph Murray, Charles Wilson, W. W. Allen, George Beane, Harry Ryner, F. V. Hawley, C. Faust, Miss Laura Linden, Mrs. Kate Ryner, Miss Belle Miller, Miss Annie Ryner, Miss Ella Allen, Little Harry, and Harry Taylor (musical director.) W. B. Barton is manager, and E. E. Zimmerman business man, with Thomas Maguire, Jr., as treasurer. The company opens at Milwaukee to-morrow evening, and will visit the principal towns in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa, returning to Chicago the first week in March.

The National Baby-Show, which opens at the Tabernacle on Wednesday, is already the object of much curious expectation as to what it will bring. The entries have been coming in very fast during the past week, and from what has been seen of them there is every probability that the exhibition will be a very varied one. Among the many natural curiosities promised is one from Waukegan in the shape of a child one week old, who was born with a complete set of teeth. Then there are several fat babies on the way, and babies with double heads. The midgets are also expected to be present. In short, the prospects are that the Tabernacle will swarm with infant humanity, embracing all kinds and degrees.

STAGE MISCELLANY.

GENERAL DRAMATIC NOTES.

Fred G. Maeder is the new leading man of Piper's Opera-House, Virginia City.

Theodore Hamilton is playing with Louise Pomeroy in Washington, and has been engaged to support her during the season. Her present repertoire comprises *Rosalind*, *Juliet*, and *Cymbeline*.

The Lingards, with their full company, will give one performance at the Opera House, Joliet, on Saturday, the 23d inst.

A perpetual injunction has been issued by Judge Davis preventing Mabel Leonard from ever performing in a variety theatre.

Sardou & Co.'s "Exiles" was brought out at the Boston Theatre on Monday. It is said to be a great success, and splendidly mounted.

Tom Taylor's Russian drama, "The Serf," which has been for several weeks in preparation at the Boston Museum, will be brought out on Monday.

The new burlesque "Lohengrin," by Messrs. Goodwin and Rice, will probably be produced during an engagement which Mr. Rice's combination will play in New York some time in February.

Minnie Palmer's mother, on learning that Nat C. Goodwin played in the burlesque at the Globe, Boston, at Christmas, sent to John Stetson to cancel her daughter's contract on that ground. The reason is stated to be that Minnie Palmer was engaged to Mr. Goodwin, but the latter married Eliza Weathersby instead.—*Dramatic News.*

Hermann Linde's Shakspearean recitals are attracting much attention in Boston. He performs the prodigious feat of reciting an entire play from memory. Last week he repeated the entire tragedy of "Julius Cæsar," at the request of H. W. Longfellow, James T. Fields, William Lloyd Garrison, J. B. Osgood, W. D. Howells, and others.

Mrs. H. C. Jordan, who has been playing *La Frochard* in "The Two Orphans" at the Boston Theatre, was the leading lady at the National Theatre in that city during the season of 1853-'54, making her first appearance as *Lady Dedlock* in "Bleak House," the late Edwin Adams making his début on the stage as servant of the *Dedlocks* the same night.

A funny incident happened at a theatrical performance in Springfield, Mass., one night last week. A physician sat in the parquet with a bottle of medicine containing ammonia in his hip-pocket. Suddenly the cork popped out, with a report like a pistol. A number of ladies behind the doctor were badly frightened, in the belief that a revolver had been discharged, and the doctor rushed out to get rid of the unpleasantness.

Mary, the mother of Ione Burke, and widow of Charles Burke, comedian, died Nov. 15, in Paris, of rheumatism of the heart, aged 60. Her body has arrived from France, and was buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery in the lot of the American Dramatic Fund, of which she had long been an annuitant. Mrs. Burke was formerly Mrs. Sutherland, and played soubrettes for several seasons at the Bowery Theatre previous to her marriage to Mr. Burke in 1847. Her daughter Ione is the offspring of her first husband.

A serious charge was made against Mr. Fechter recently, during his engagement with Manager Lempert of Rochester. Mr. Fechter denies that he was the cause of the trouble. He says the scenery for "No Thoroughfare" was not ready at 8 o'clock on the evening of its production, and, as special scenery was necessary for a certain effect, he declined to play. The trouble was made by Mr. Lempert just as Mr. Fechter had touched sharing terms, and before Thanksgiving-Day, which gives the actor reason to believe it was done to avoid paying him for the rest of the week.

Speaking of the applause bestowed on plays reminds Bartley Campbell of a habit he noticed when in Ireland of some audiences to shout aloud their thoughts when struck with a sense of humor by any peculiar part of the play. The habit, he says, prevailed to a great extent, and is enjoyed hugely by the audiences. For instance, an actor in a dull piece which had greatly taxed the patience of those who heard it, with clenched hands and bowed head cried, "I am worn out—I am worn out!" when a voice in the audience called, "Be Jasus, and so are we!" The remark put the audience in an excellent humor, and was followed by hearty applause.

The *doyen* of the French stage was lately interred at Pere la Chaise, and, curiously enough, not a single artist was present, either at the religious ceremony at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul or at the cemetery. Still, the old actor was no unknown man. Pierre Martin was at his death 92 years of age; fifty-five of which have been spent in the active exercise of his profession. He played in comedy and sang in opera; and he was by far the oldest member of the Society of Dramatic Artists. Another French artist, M. Romainville, died a fortnight ago, aged 77. This gentleman had retired since 1855: so his talent is unknown to the present generation.

Miss Alice Wren, the actress and vocalist, who was twice reported killed, once by the African savages, and again in New Zealand, has returned to her home in Brooklyn, after a series of wonderful adventures in Australia and Africa. Miss Wren thinks that the rumor of her being killed by the savages in Africa, which was published in the American and English newspapers nearly a year ago, must have originated from a report sent from Port Elizabeth to New Zealand that her party was overdue, and consequently must have been destroyed. How the report sent by Baker and Farren from New Zealand that she had been killed by Madame Cora at Capetown through jealousy could have originated, she is unable to guess.

REMINISCENCE OF CUSHMAN.

Mr. S. B. Duffield, an old theatrical manager, tells the following anecdote of Charlotte Cushman:

"I remember once," he said, "Miss Cushman was playing in Washington at the time, and it was the week of Grant's second inauguration, when the old lady flew into a great passion. Her engagement began on Monday, and the inauguration took place on Tuesday. Mr. Ford directed me to invite General and Mrs. Grant to the theatre. My acquaintance with Gen. Grant, who is personally a very agreeable gentleman, was of a most pleasant nature, we having seen a great deal of one another in Nashville. The invitation I extended, and was thanked courteously, and assured that the President and Mrs. Grant would be delighted to be down Friday evening. When Ford heard of the visit he directed the orchestra to play 'Hail to the Chief' the moment the President entered. Miss Cushman knew nothing of this. The President came in during the second act, I believe; Miss Cushman was preparing to 'come on,' and I, as stage manager, was quite close to her. The orchestra struck up the air the very moment Miss Cushman started to 'come on.'"

"Duffield, Duffield," she cried, and as I nimbly responded, "Yes, ma'am," she fairly shouted. "In heaven's name what is that noise about? The orchestra is composed of fools I verily believe."

"It is the President," said I. "And suppose it is," was her angry rejoinder.

"Mr. Ford has given orders that the orchestra play 'Hail to the Chief.'"

"Hail to the mischief. *I* would not stop a performance for the best man living. Mr. Ford is a goose!"

MORALS OF THE STAGE.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett, in the course of a conversation with a Cincinnati reporter, in which the latter asked his opinion about the morality of the stage, gave utterance to the following warm defense of his fellow professionals:

"If you will show me a class in the community," Mr. Barrett said, with emphasis, and talking rapidly, "bearing the same exposed relation to the public as mine does, where the two sexes are thrown together as they are in mine, laboring side by side, sharing the ambitions, the struggles, the rewards, envies, and jealousies which are the accompaniments of any career, and at the same time show me a higher grade of morality than there is in my profession, you may convert me from the belief I now have, that there is no morality better or higher than that of actors and actresses. Why, sir, we are too busy to be immoral. Contrary to the generally accepted belief, the lives of actors are the most regular, their habits the most uniform of any class of literary people in the world. What I mean by that is this: every morning at 10 o'clock you have *got* to be at rehearsal; every night at 8 o'clock you have *got* to be in your theatre. There is no deviation from the rule; you are bound to be there. Now a person in almost every other business has some margin or leeway for his habits to become irregular in. As an actor you have got to go to bed soon after the performance, to be at the rehearsal the next morning; and if you're not sober you can't perform your duty before the public at night. The public judges simply by what it sees. It will see two or three drones, neglecting their duty, upon the streets, or in the bar-rooms, and they say of the actor-class, they are all like that. They say that of no other class in the community. I can very well understand the aversion of the pulpit to the stage. It is as old as Greek tragedy. It is because all the graces of modern pulpit oratory, which render them acceptable to the public, are stolen from the drama—just as Prometheus stole the fire from Heaven. Only Prometheus could use the fire, but the pulpit orators cannot use their stolen graces as well as the actor. The effect they produce is so small compared with what the actors produce, that it leaves a very large margin of envy on the part of these people. Their influence upon the public is not so great as the influence of the stage, and naturally they oppose it. You will also find that the great lights of the pulpit—the men conspicuous for genius and for progress—are not the men in any sect who denounce the stage. This is true even of the Presbyterians and the Baptists, with whom some few years ago it was damnation to go to the theatre. It is the same in the pulpit as on the stage, you hear that which is the loudest."

MUSIC.

The principal events of the past week have been already fully noticed, and can only be referred to now as pleasant memories. The Abbott concerts, notwithstanding the conglomerated troupe and heterogeneous programmes, were very attractive. Mr. Hess has given us seven of the most delightful presentations of light opera we have ever heard. That more lovers of music and good acting have not been to see "The Chimes of Normandy" is one of those extraordinary eccentricities of the public, the reason for which "No feller can find out." This week he will appeal to the public with an entire change of repertoire. Monday evening "The Bohemian Girl" will be given; Tuesday, Ambroise Thomas' "Midsummer Night's Dream"; Wednesday, Maillart's "Villars' Dragoons"; Thursday, "Fra Diavolo"; Friday, "The Chimes of Normandy"; Saturday matinee, "The Bohemian Girl"; and Saturday evening, an operatic potpourri. The cast of the Monday night performance will be as follows:

Arline	Miss Emelie Melville
Queen of the Gypsies	Mrs. Zelda Seguin
Buda	Miss C. D. Buck
Thaddeus	Mr. William Castle
Florestan	Mr. Henry Warren
Count Arnheim	Mr. Henry Peakes
Devilshoof	Mr. Edward Seguin
Captain of the Guard	Mr. Arthur W. Tams

THE FIFTH HERSHEY POPULAR CONCERT.

The Hershey Popular Concert, Thursday evening, was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The programme was the most interesting that has yet been presented at these concerts, and had an unusual unity throughout. Mr. H. Clarence Eddy played an "Offertory" of Guilmant, and Dudley Buck's Variations on the "Last Rose of Summer," a very scholarly work for one of its class, as well as very pleasing. Miss Agnes Ingersoll and Mr. William Lewis played a Sonata of Gade for piano and violin, which gained them an encore. Miss Grace A. Hiltz sang Berthold Jours' beautiful song "Through the Valley," and Braga's "Angel's Serenade," winning an encore on the former. Miss Mina Rommeiss is entitled to the warmest praise for her beautiful and artistic rendering of the "Watcher" by Geibel, and Sullivan's "Lost Chord." Her singing of the second number was especially admired, and displayed to the best advantage the sympathetic qualities of her voice. She was enthusiastically encored and responded by repeating the same song. Miss Eugenia Van de Venter played two piano numbers, "La Fileuse" by Raff, and Chopin's "Berceuse," in very nicely. She seems to excel in poetic refinement. Both numbers were played with smoothness and elegance.

THE CONSERVATORY CONCERTS.

The concert given last Wednesday evening by the Chicago Conservatory of Music proved a great success. The audience was large and appreciative, and the performances of both the instrumental and vocal numbers were quite satisfactory. The "Hommage a Handel" was played by Miss D. Atwood and Mr. Haag with great brilliancy and remarkable steadiness of tempo. The difficult arrangement of the Weber Polacca, by Henselt, was given in a very clear and refined style by Miss May Hutchinson. Miss E. Satterlee played Liszt's "Campanella" in a very graceful and charming manner, while Miss C. Morton in the piano part of the Mendelssohn Trio showed herself an excellent musician. The vocal numbers were sung by the Misses H. Leonard, K. E. J. Ward, Alice Wilder, and Mr. J. P. Lydiard, all pupils of Mr. Gill, in excellent style, Miss Leonard's singing of "Let Me Dream Again" deserving special commendation. The remaining numbers were taken by Messrs. Gill, Allen, and Liesegang. Mr. Ledochowski played the first movement of the malnificent Schuman Concerto, Mr. Liebling playing the orchestral parts.

The first soiree of the Conservatory given at the Southern Division occurred Thursday evening. We have not space for a full review, but it is due the Schubert Club and its Director, Mr. C. A. Havens, that we make special mention of the singing of the part songs. In precision, promptness of attack, and phrasing they already promise a remarkable success. Mr. Ledochowski played with his usual brilliancy and musicianly feeling. Mrs. Havens, in her singing of the aria from Cinq Mars, showed decided improvement in quality of tone and finish since we last heard her. Miss Kittie King and Mr. I. J. West, pupils of Mr. Havens, give much promise in the excellence of their singing. The next soiree occurs in January. The new concert organ will be in position about Feb. 1, forming an additional attraction to the Conservatory.

THE CHORAL UNION

will give the first concert of this their third season next Thursday evening, the 20th inst., under the direction of Mr. Blackman, at the Union Park Congregational Church. In addition to the chorus, the following soloists will take part: Miss Jessie E. Hardy, soprano; Miss Mina Rommeiss, alto; Mr. Edw. Dexter and Mr. C. T. Barnes, tenors; Mr. A. E. Buisscret, violin; and Messrs. N. W. Mills and Frank T. Baird, pianists. The first part of the programme will include a part song by Sullivan and eleven numbers from Handel's "Samson." The second part will include Mendelssohn's "Hear my Prayer," by Miss Hardy; Buck's "Dews of the Summer Night," by Miss Rommeiss and Mr. Barnes; De Beriot's Sixth Concerto, by Mr. Buisseret; and Smart's part song, "Pale Autumn Flowers," and Hauptmann's "May Song," by the chorus.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

The Hess English Opera troupe will open the new opera-house at Dubuque with a concert on the 28th inst.

The Hershey School of Musical Art has secured the services of Mr. Samuel Kayser as teacher of elocution.

Mr. H. S. Perkins, of this city, conducted a musical convention at LaCrosse Dec. 10-13, and this week will conduct another at Harvard, Neb.

The Grace Church choir on Christmas will sing a Te Deum by Mora; a Jubilate by Schubert; Christmas anthem by Warren; and an Offertory by Costa.

The Arion Society at Milwaukee will give a concert shortly, under the direction of Mr. Tomlins, the leader of our own Apollo Club. Mme. Madeline Schiller will be the solo pianist.

The ladies of the Dorcas Society will give a musical and literary entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Saunders, No. 499 West Lake street, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, in aid of the poor.

The original Swedish Ladies' Quartette which sang here in the Abbott concerts will return to Chicago this week, and give a concert at Hershey Hall on Saturday evening, the 22d inst., assisted by Mr. Eddy, Mr. Allen, and others.

Piano teachers continue to multiply. The latest addition to the little army is Mrs. A. Lonsdale, No. 55 Ashland avenue, a pupil of Theodore Kullak and the Berlin Conservatory, who presents to the public credentials of musical ability that will not be questioned.

The first concert at the West End Opera-House will be given on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., under the management of Mr. C. N. Pratt. The programme, which is a very pleasant one, will be given by Mrs. Jennie T. Kempton, alto; Miss Fanny L. Whitney, soprano; Dr. C. T. Barnes, tenor; Mr. A. Buisseret, violinist; and Mr. F. T. Baird, pianist. In addition to the musical features of the programme Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson and Mr. H. T. Dickson will read.

There will be a concert of Christmas music at the Trinity M. E. Church, on Friday evening, the 21st inst., under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Martin, in which Mrs. Frank Hall, Mr. James Gill, Miss Mary Suggett (a debutante from Cleveland), Dr. C. E. Martin, Mrs. Lemuel Freeman, Mrs. William J. Kelly, Mrs. James S. Martin, and Mr. H. D. Gilbert will take part. The choral work will be done by a double quartette, and the solos by Mr. Gill, Miss Suggett, Mr. Martin, and Mrs. Hall.

The friends of Mr. Harry C. Horton in the First M. E. Church have arranged to give him a testimonial concert on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., in the audience-room of the church. The following talent has been secured: Mrs. M. M. Pither, soprano; Miss Katie Skeer, contralto; Mr. M. M. Pither, tenor; and Mr. E. Elliott, basso; the Chicago Quartette, Messrs. Thomas, Dodge, Allen, and Dew; the C. M. M. Quartette, Messrs. Horton, Marsh, Russell, and Gary; and Prof. H. Wey, pianist. Mr. Horton will also appear.

The programme for the regular Turner Hall concert this afternoon includes "Chopin's "Military Polonaise"; Weber's overture, "Ruler of Spirits"; Strauss' concert waltz, "Songs of the People"; overture to "The Magic Flute"; duet for two trombones, by Bach, to be performed by Messrs. Braun and Kurth; Reinhold's humorous medley, "The Fair at Frankfort"; Sudermann's "Wedding March," with which the Thomas orchestra made such a success last summer; Strauss' "Pizzicato Polka," which will be given with twenty-five violins; Mann's "Nocturne"; and Loesch's "Davy Crocket March."

The next general rehearsal of Miss and Mr. Root's pupils is to be held on Wednesday of this week at 3 o'clock in Miss Root's room, American Express Building. This programme is announced: "Expectancy" (Gounod), Mrs. Hall; "Hedge Roses" (Schubert), Mrs. Jewett; "Valley of Cauteretz" (Pease), Mrs. Balfour; "O hush thee, my baby" (Macerone), Miss Cloghan; "Mater del Dolore" (Schimon), Miss Blair; "I love my love" (Warren), Miss Crocker; "It was a dream" (Cowen), Miss Day; "Der Frühling ist da" (Abt), Miss Pettibone; "Greeting" (Mendelssohn), Miss and Mrs. Pettibone; "If doughty deeds" (Sullivan), Mr. McWade; "Elle ne croyait pas" (Thomas), Mr. Gottlibsen; "Serenade" (Schubert), Mr. Wendsen; "Christmas bells at sea" (Sullivan), Mr. Greenleaf.

The Chicago Musical College will give another of its musical reunions to-morrow evening at the College parlors. The Misses Belle Corwith, Carrie Wright, Millie Waterman, Julia Doane, Nora McMahon, Ada Leekley, Genie Matteson, Ella Miller, May Lester, Lulu Goodman, Agnes Knott, and Messrs. Rosenbecker and Frank Smith will appear in the programme. The regular annual concert will take place at McCormick's Hall Jan. 21.

WHEREABOUTS.

The Kellogg-Cary troupe commenced their New England engagements at Hartford on the 10th, and sang in Boston on the 12th and 15th. Miss Thursby is putting in her time very assiduously. She sang at Lowell, Mass., on the 10th, at Buffalo on the 12th, at Utica on the 13th. She will sing at Elmira on the 19th, in oratorio at Boston on the 23d and 25th, and in oratorio at New York on the 29th. Theodore Thomas' orchestra played in Springfield, Mass., on the 11th, and is now back in New York, giving its symphony concerts. Aimee brought out Strauss' opera "Le Reine Indigo" in New York on the 14th. It is underlined for a run of ten performances. Emma Abbott sang in St. Louis last Friday, and will be in Louisville next Tuesday. The Boston Philharmonic Club is playing New England engagements. Quincy has an embarrassment of Swedish singers on hand. On the 13th and 14th *the* Quartette sang there, and on the 11th the Quartette. The Barnabee troupe is in Michigan, and the Mendelssohn Quintette in New Jersey. The Boston Handel and Haydn Society will give Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" on the 23d and "The Messiah" on the 25th. The soloists will be Miss Thursby, Miss Cary, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Barry, and Messrs. Winch, Stoddard, Maas, and Whitney. Fryer's opera troupe gave New Orleans a "sacred" concert last Sunday night with a fine selection of operatic arias. Last Monday it performed "Lucia." Tuesday night "Fidelio," and Wednesday "Tannhauser." Caroline Richings at last accounts was in Sacramento with "forty artists"!!

SOME PLAIN TRUTHS ABOUT ST. LOUIS.

During the recent engagement of the Hess English opera troupe in St. Louis, Mr. Hess was interviewed by a reporter as to the position of St. Louis as a musical city, with the following result:

"Are you aware, Mr. Hess, that we in St. Louis claim to be a highly cultured people, and particularly so in musical matters?"

"Yes, sir; I'm aware of all that. I know St. Louis sets up claims to distinction on that score. But will you tell me in turn how it is that first-class opera companies never come to St. Louis except to fill up time they cannot utilize elsewhere, and that you never get more than a week of opera even when they do come, while in Chicago they will play two, three, and four weeks?"

"Why is it, Mr. Hess?"

"In the seasons of 1869 and 1870 I brought Parepa to America, and my profits on the first year were $120,000. I lost money in St. Louis that very season. That is one item to start with. Following the Parepa Company, when it and the Caroline Richings Company broke up, I organized a combination of the best material of both companies, which included Caroline Richings, Rose Hersee, Mrs. Seguin, Annie K. Bowler, Mrs. Drayton, and Messrs. Castle, Bowers, Chatterson. Sher Campbell, Alberio Laurence, Henry Drayton, Arthur Howell, and other such celebrities. With this company I netted $7,000 in twelve performances in Chicago; made a handsome profit—I forgot the figure—in Cincinnati, and I lost considerably in St. Louis. Item No. 2. I next brought Kellogg here the first season De Bar had this theatre. I brought her hear four seasons in succession, and lost money every time. In Chicago, with Miss Hinkley, except one engagement in 1875, which was the second in one month, I made money all the time. I took there over $13,000 in one week, and lost $2,000 here in four performances last year with the same prima donna, while in Indianapolis I cleared a handsome profit in three performances. I have said many times I would never come to St. Louis with opera again; and it was only on the earnest persuasion of Mr. Norton that I came now. I looked upon it as a certain loss; but he talked me into giving it a fair, another trial. I could have filled the time more profitably in Terre Haute, Peoria, Quincy, and such small places. Perhaps the best evidence that St. Louis is a bad opera town is that De Bar would never even share profits with an opera company. He would not let them have his theatre except on a positive rental of two or three hundred dollars a night; while McVicker, of Chicago, would take the same company on shares, and clear four to five thousand a week. The organization I have with me now is not an expensive one, although made up of high class material; it is not large in numbers, there being only thirty-seven in the company, and that makes it comparatively inexpensive. This, in fact, added to Norton's persuasions, induced me to make the experiment; but it will be the last. I shall not lose very much, but it is certain I shall not make anything; so, there is no encouragement for me or any other operatic manager to try the town too often."

"Why are operatic seasons so short here?"

"I think I have said enough to answer that question already. Even the short ones are almost a certain loss. In Chicago we play from two to three weeks always; in Boston it is always three weeks, sometimes more; Washington is always good for two weeks of handsome business; in Cleveland we play a full week to splendid houses; so, also, in Albany. Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Detroit, and Indianapolis: they are all a long way ahead of St. Louis."

MUSICAL NOTES.

P. Tschaikowsky, the Russian composer, is at work on a new opera, entitled "Eugen Omegin."

Mr. Harry Stanfield is about to sing in opera with Mr. Fryer's artists and Mme. Pappenheim, in New Orleans.

The New York *Arcadian* has again changed hands, Mr. Louis Engel, of Emma Abbott fame, having quit. Mr. James W. Tooley now appears as its editor and proprietor.

Sallie Winslow, daughter of Commodore Winslow, of Alabama fame, has made her debut in Boston as a pianist, having recently returned from European study. She will locate in Boston.

Mme. Etelka Gerster is to receive 4,000 marks, upwards of $1,050, for each representation of an opera season in Berlin, at the Imperial Theatre, from the 15th of March next to the 15th of April.

A quartette representative of the Hutchinson family is once more in the field. It includes Mr. Asa Hutchinson, Mr. O. Dennett, and Misses Ella and Lottie Hutchinson. Three of the four voices are excellent.

Mr. Enderly Jackson, a well-known English maestro, who has been engaged for the management of Gilmore's concert-tour of Europe, has arrived in this country, and is making active preparations for the departure of the band.

The celebrated prima donna, Marie Roze, will sail for New York on the 20th inst. She will make her debut in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, in the role of *Leonora* in "La Favorita," Jan. 7. The season is for six nights only, and among its interesting incidents will be a performance of "Un Ballo," with Mlle. Marie Roze as *Amalia*, Miss Kellogg as *Oscar*, and Miss Cary as *Ulrica*.

"A piece of startling news," says the London *Athenæum*, "is that Madame Adelina Patti has resolved to sing on the French lyric stage." M. Halanzier is reported to have engaged her to appear at the National Opera-House in Paris in Gounod's "Polyeucte" during the time of the International Exhibition next year. Madame Patti will certainly sing in Italian opera at Covent Garden in London next season, but not in Berlin, where her prices are considered too high, and where Madame Gerster Gardini has been chosen in her stead. This lady has recently achieved an astonishing success at St. Petersburg in the part of *Ophelia* in Ambroise Thomas' "Hamlet." The City of Moscow has been enthusiastic over Madame Nilsson. But the foreign journals are beginning to speak of Madame Adelina Patti as having passed the zenith of her popularity.

WHEREFORE?

[To Mrs. W. L. M., in Memory of Her Father.]

When a noble life's completed,
And a royal race is run,
And the heavenly hosts are whisp'ring
To a pilgrim-soul, "Well done!"
Wherefore should our mortal yearnings
Strive to keep from Heavenly bliss
One who has outgrown the sorrows
Of a world so small as this?

Wherefore should we think of parting
From the friend we hold most dear,
When we know that love can ever
Bring the sainted spirit near—
Bring it near with clearer vision,
All illumed by Heavenly joy,
Cleansed from every trace and shadow
That we mortals name "alloy"?

Wherefore? O how vain the query
When the heart is sick with pain,
And all words of human comfort
Than the vainest things seem vain!
Yet a noble life's completed,
And a royal race is run,
And a soul has earned the plaudit
That its work has been "well done."

This the thought that falls serenest,
Shaming mortal sense of pain,
Quelling every lesser yearning
Of all human loss or gain;
This the thought that beckons onward,
Full of tender faith unfeigned:
That life be a noble struggle
Towards the light that be has gained.

AGNES LEONARD HILL.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 11, 1877.

SANTA MONICA.

Its Claims as a Sanitarium Compared with Other Seaside Resorts.

Why It Is Preferred to the Other Watering Places on the Pacific Coast.

A Climate the Most Equable Under the Sun—Sea Bathing the Year Round.

Which Is Largely Due to the Peculiar Conformation of the Coast.

Eastern People Settling There.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SANTA MONICA, Dec. 3.—In my previous letters I spoke of the accessibility of Santa Monica, its nearness to San Francisco and Los Angeles, of its numerous natural advantages, the beauty of its situation, magnificent drives, diversity of scene in mountain, ocean, forest, and plain, its variety of minor attractions such as delight the sportsman, and the luxuries which wealth has provided for visitors who prefer elegant ease; also of the perfect safety and comfort of its sea-bathing every month in the year. In other words, I canvassed its claims as a pleasure-resort, and found it lacking in nothing essential for that purpose.

It is as

A SANITARIUM,

however, that Santa Monica bases its highest claim for popular favor, and it is this feature of the place, I feel sure, that the largest number of your readers will feel most interested in. Having had an especial interest in the study of climate in its effect on certain diseases which prevail to an alarming extent in the region of the great lakes, I have visited all the places on this coast which possess particular attractions for the invalid. The phenomenal climate of the California coast, which is never so warm in summer nor so cold in winter as points in corresponding latitude in the Eastern States, is pretty well understood. The slight variations in temperature throughout the year makes this coast the most favored spot under the sun with those afflicted with lung difficulties; for a few years' residence here has often been found sufficient to effect a permanent cure without the use of medicine. With incipient cases permanent cure never fails.

Of course there is a difference in the relative advantages of the various places on the coast most commonly resorted to, but the wonderful curative properties of California sun and air on the class of cases I have mentioned is too well known to need discussion. The resorts which have put forth the highest claims for public favor as watering-places and sanitariums (I mention them in their order from north to south) are Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Santa Monica, and San Diego.

Santa Cruz is so far north that sea-bathing is possible only during the summer months. It is also in the region of fogs, as are Santa Barbara and San Buenaventura. The harbor of Santa Barbara is funnel-shaped, opening out its widest part towards the sea, and catching the full force of all storms that visit the coast. The bay is a great breeder of fogs for the same reason, about which I have heard more complaint than a little among visitors to Santa Barbara. The location of San Buenaventura is very similar. It is a very foggy place. San Diego is far away. It has an excellent climate, but no facilities for sea-bathing. In fact, it is hardly safe to bathe in the sea there, as an occasional shark is seen. Its bay is a kind of lagoon. The sea view is not inviting, while the country round about is as uninteresting as possible.

Santa Monica seems to be the

HAPPY MEAN,

always existing in nature, and, when found, always found to the nearest possible approach to perfection. All the other places are shut out from communication with the outer world except by semi-weekly boat and stage, both rather precarious and uninviting modes of travel. From the nature of things it will be long before they can be reached by rail, if, indeed, they ever are.

Santa Monica, besides having semi-weekly connection with San Francisco by boat, is connected by rail with the great railway system of the coast. The scenery, the natural attractions of the country hereabout, and the liberal provision of minor attractions by the enterprising patrons of the town, give to Santa Monica claims on the pleasure-seeker which none of its rivals possess. But the bay is the glory of Santa Monica. Curving into the land between Point Vincent and Point Dume, which stand out like bold headlands to break the violence of the winds and waves, blockaded at the entrance by Catalina and other islands, it is almost landlocked. However fierce the gale outside, vessels may ride at anchor here in perfect safety. And yet the bay is immense in area, containing not less than 250 square miles, and having all the peculiar characteristics of the sea without any of its rougnness. The town lays well to the north, against the southern slope of the Coast Mountains, which follow close down to the water on Point Vincent, shutting out entirely the winds and fogs which come down from the north and northwest. Santa Monica looks to the south and east. While Los Angeles and towns to the north are groping in fog Santa Monica has a bright sun and clear sky.

It is being only about two years since the foundation of the village, no complete thermometrical record exists longer back than that. But the

CAREFULLY-KEPT OBSERVATIONS

of the past two years have been quite sufficient to show that nowhere on the coast, and possibly nowhere in the world, is there such astonishing equability of temperature of air and water the whole year round,—no place where the annual mean temperature ranges so high, with so little difference between maximum heat and maximum cold. It has the invigorating effect of sea air with the soft and balmy atmosphere of a semi-tropical climate.

The following table of thermometrical observations for the year ending June 11, 1877, recorded four times daily, viz.: at 6 a. m., noon, 6 p. m., and midnight, shows the nature of the climate:

	Highest.	*Lowest.*	*Mean.*
June	74	62	68.0
July	76	62	69.0
August	80	56	68.0
September	79	54	66.5
October	75	53	64.0
November	74	50	62.0
December	73	43	58.0
January	73	38	55.5
February	74	38	56.0
March	75	40	57.5
April	72	46	59.0
May	76	48	62.0
Annual mean			62.1
Difference between the hottest and coldest month			13.5

During the hotest period of last summer, the highest point reached by the thermometer here was 85 deg., while at most points in the interior of the State it reached 120 deg., and even in San Francisco ran as high as 99 deg.

For the purpose of comparison I append a table showing the

ANNUAL MEAN TEMPERATURE OF THE FAMOUS EUROPEAN RESORTS,

showing also the difference of heat and cold, and the number of rainy days in a year:

| | *Annual mean temperature.* | *Diff. bet. hot and cold months.* |

RELIGIOUS.

The Despotism of Papal Discipline —What Was the Fate of Bishop Rese, of Detroit?

General Notes from the Church at Home and Abroad--- Personal Points.

Doubtful Divinity for the Unregenerate---Services To-Day.

PAPAL DISCIPLINE.

WHAT BECOMES OF DISSENTING CATHOLIC BISHOPS?—AN INQUIRY AS TO THE FATE OF BISHOP RESE.

To the Editor of the Cleveland Leader:

I find the following suggestive article in the current number of the *American Watchman:*

A REMINISCENCE OF POPE PIUS NINTH.

A very able and reliable writer in 1856 wrote: Pius IX. fled from Rome in November, 1848. In February, 1849, the Republic was set up. Eight or ten days after, with ten or twenty of my companions, I went to see if the Inquisition had any occupants. We found the Commissary-General, his Secretary, Chancellors, and jailers. I asked one of the jailers if there were any prisoners in the cells. According to the laws of the Inquisition he was not at liberty to give an honest answer, but shrugged his shoulders, which meant there are plenty. My companions were for at once examining the cells and dungeons, and for compelling the jailers to open the gates. I begged them to desist and inform the Government. The Government being informed sent and examined, found many, and liberated them. Among these was Bishop Cashur, of Cairo, who had been twenty-five years in his dungeon. After being delivered from the prison he was carried about the streets of Rome in a mph. Another, a monk of almost 60 years of age, was imprisoned in the Convent of Franciscans, called the Convent of Araceoli. For twelve years he had been immured in that horrible hole. This man was a native of South America; he somehow succeeded, on hearing that the Republic was proclaimed, in getting word to the National Assembly that he was in this prison. A deputation was at once sent to the Superior to know whether it was true. But the Father Abbott strenuously denied it, and refused them admittance. They threatened him and compelled him to open the door to the monk's cell. There they found the monk. He was almost reduced to blindness, was scarcely able to stand, and he had to be supported to get along. He was brought before the National Assembly. All Rome knows of it. All came anxious to know for what cause he was there. His answer was, "I have not the remotest idea why I was for twelve years kept in that dungeon, and I had always settled in my mind and was at peace with myself, never having the slightest hope of seeing the daylight again." He turned and thanked them one after another, for it was to them he owed his life. A collection was made for him and he was enabled to return to South America.

The man under whom such atrocious cruelties were practiced is the Pope whose affability and amiability is so lauded in the journalistic press. To this day any Roman Catholic ecclesiastic lower in dignity than Cardinal can be ordered to Rome to report himself, and he must go, and once there he is subject to be thrown into some ecclesiastical dungeon and kept there until he dies. All inquiry may be stifled by a report of his death, and at the threshold of the Papal prison the civil law stops.

This brings to mind an almost forgotten circumstance, which will interest the old citizens of Detroit. In 1838, Bishop Rese, Bishop of the Diocese of that city, was ordered by the head of his Church, Pope Gregory, to present himself at the Papal Court and answer to the charge of having favored a liberal system of evangelical theology, and from that day the Bishop disappeared, and has never been heard of since. In 1844 a letter was published by one who had returned from Rome, to the effect that Bishop Rese had been arrested by the Papal authorities and confined in the Inquisition for an offense committed in this country—namely, of having imbibed more liberal theological ideas than were allowed by the Church. The communication called on our Goverment to demand of the Pope, who was then King of the States of the Church, the release of the Bishop, on the ground of his being an American citizen, that the offense charged against him was no civil crime, and that the offense was committed in this country. This letter was generally copied and created some excitement at the time, to such an extent that some of the heads of the Church, apparently much alarmed at the gravity of the question, came out in the papers and announced that Bishop Rese, not being naturalized, was beyond the pale of the protection of our Government, and furthermore, that Bishop Rese never was sent to the Inquisition, but was ordered to report himself to a certain monastery, and remain there until further orders. Since this explanation was published in the Church authorities, to calm the excitement caused by the report of the Bishop's incarceration in the Inquisition, the matter seems to have been dropped, and no further mention was made of the case.

Now can any one in Detroit tell what became of Bishop Rese? What has been his history since he left Detroit in 1838? Has not the story been received that the Bishop retired to a monastery near Rome and died there? And how do we know but that that story was made up upon the principle "that the end sanctifies the means when the interest of the Church is at stake," in order to account for the mysterious disappearance of the Bishop? How do we know but the Bishop may have been shut in the Inquisition at Rome like those who were released as described in the foregoing article which we have quoted? We trust some one who is posted may be able to solve the mystery hanging over the disappearance of Bishop Rese. It may be true —the story of his having voluntarily, in accordance with his oath to obey his superior, retired to a monastery, and died there—but people would prefer something more definite than those who controlled and managed that Inquisition. I trust that some of your Detroit contemporaries may be able to answer these queries.

HAMMOND'S METHOD.

THE VIDOCQ SYSTEM IN MAKING CONVERTS.

St. Louis Republican.

The Rev. Edward Payson Hammond, the well-known evangelist, has just concluded a spiritual campaign of five or six weeks' duration in Youkers, N. Y., and departed for a wider field of labor in Virginia. A few days before his departure he was interviewed by a representative of the New York *World*, to whom he gave some interesting and valuable information concerning the methods employed in his work. The system under which he operated was, he said, very carefully constructed, and, having been confirmed by experience, was rarely or never deviated from. Whenever possible to do so, he arrived at a new place on Saturday, and the same evening held a meeting for Christians and submitted his plan of operations. The next day he commenced with the children, and on this subject says:

I've converted thousands of children. How early do I think a child can be converted? Oh, I think at about 8 years; but I don't know as it is worth while for you to state that in the paper, for you know newspaper readers are incredulous. Umph! Well, just as you please; are you going to make a long article? Indeed. Then you must take off your coat and stay to tea. I have a carriage always at my disposal, and after supper you shall drive with me to the square. You'll be amused; we've converted some of the toughest sinners in town, and I'll give you a chance to see some of "the characters." There is one young man I should like to have you hear; he is indeed a character. He isn't more than 20 years old, and has been arrested twenty-two times. I get him to speak now and then, and it has great effect with the hard characters. He appeals for their soul-salvation in a slang vernacular, which is quite unintelligible to me, but which has great influence with them. The other night he told a conundrum. Said he: "Boys, why is my nose like the Brooklyn bridge? Give it up. Because so many schooners—of beer—have gone under it." Mr. Hammond laughed very heartily as he told this incident of the revival. "Ah," said he, "George Newman is a bright young man, and he's all the smarter since he got the grace of God in his heart."

Being asked what evidence was required to establish conversion, Mr. Hammond produced a card, printed as follows:

I, the undersigned, do now believe in Jesus as my precious Savior, and I promise with His help to live as His loving child and faithful servant all my life.

Name ——.

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I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.—*Jer.* xxxii., 40.

The name and age of all the signers are entered in a book prepared for the purpose. He had issued 824 of these books when he opened as described in the foregoing article which we have quoted!

NEW YORK.

The Weekly Budget from the Metropolis.

Society's Aid for the Crescent and the Cross.

Changes in the Modes Dictated for Full Dress.

The Theatre Managers Who Will Not "Come Down."

And the History of the Great Excise Muddle and Movement.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—San Francisco citizens have time and again tried to create envy in the minds of friends here by writing of roses blooming out of doors in January, and all that sort of thing, especially calculated to affect people experiencing below-zero chills. No such stories will do this season, if the weather continues so phenomenal as it has been thus far. Open windows and superfluous fires, with charming atmosphere for promenade and shopping, make December at this date an unusual ally to trade and enjoyment. There has been no cold weather yet to speak of, and frosts have been rare instead of common. Many a man drags about the unnecessary ulster because a fall overcoat seems so out of propriety, and many a woman groans secretly because it is utterly impossible to display sealskins and furs in such a temperature. The furriers, indeed, have had more cause than any one else to wish for a change. Country dealers of shrewdness have been stocking up while manufacturers were ready almost to give away their products rather than have them remain on hand until next winter. The Hudson River steamers go up to Albany laden with freight, with fair prospect of being able to transport Christmas orders right up to the day, without opposition from the dreaded ice. So warm and spring-like a December has not been known for years. There was little snow if any last year at this time, but there was cold air enough to satisfy the most pitiless coal-dealer. Now the coal companies propose to stop production till the winter has a chance to catch up with their provisions for it. The poor are in special fortune, and the tramp clings with hopeful face to his rendezvous in the park. Various lines of industry have been pushed with extreme rapidity which must have been retarded if not stopped entirely by the cold usual at this season. The elevated-railway foundations, for instance, are nearly laid through to the Sixth-avenue reach, from Chambers street to the Park, and the great strands which are to support the Brooklyn bridge daily grow and multiply. It is well to be happy over this long Indian summer while it lasts, for in a night may come a change such as makes "the winter of our discontent."

THE CROSS AND CRESCENT.

The first public social event of importance was not so great by any means as it was advertised to be, and hence suffers in proportion to disappointed expectations. The ball was a very brilliant one undoubtedly, and displayed exquisite toilets and much wealth. But the President and his lady did not come in a special train from Washington, neither did the members of the Cabinet nor the foreign Ambassadors appear. The only notables from abroad were Aristarchi Bey, the Turkish Consul at this port, and Mr. Story, the sculptor and author. The assembly was more of a private than a public character, and was composed of the ladies and gentlemen of Murray Hill society who are regularly to be found at the Academy on such an occasion. There has been some criticism of that charity which would send money to aid sufferers who ought to be cared for by their own Governments, which are responsible for their condition, at a time when there is more suffering and want right at home than have been known in many years, if ever; but then all charity balls must expect criticism, and it is not a new thing that fashion should like to spend money and make a display for what seems a larger philanthropy in proportion to its distance from home.

FULL-DRESS FASHIONS.

The main feature of the ball, of course, was its costumes, and I venture to trench on the fashion department so far as to give a few comments from an evening paper, whose costume writer is good authority. The report says:

The costumes were some of them very handsome, but were more remarkable for their decolleté character than for their beauty. Very low square basques were the rule, but some were pointed and several cut down in a point at the back nearly to the waist. The sleeves to these low-bodices were straps of lace across the shoulder covered with an edging or fringe of flowers, which was usually continued round the neck. When the sleeves were not short they were of figured lace, and lace sleeves to the elbow were also attached to some of the high bodices. If the styles at this, the first ball of the season, afford any indication of the prevailing fashions for the winter, there will be little that is new to chronicle. Skirts are still tied back, trains are still long, and the bunchy appearance seems to have been somewhat revived. The only alteration of importance is, as before remarked, the preponderance of low bodices over the high ones, and the almost entire absence of sleeves.

AMUSEMENT PROSPECTS.

A morning paper recently printed an editorial on the amusement season, past, present, and prospective. The writer was not in a hopeful vein. The theatrical business thus far he pronounced unusually bad, while the outlook was not apparently better. Two or three theatres were allowed to have kept even with expenses, but that any manager had done a paying business was a question not considered open. The public, it was asserted, seemed less disposed than ever to be drawn by novelties or real attractions. The cause, then, must be sought otherwhere than in the bills presented. It was to be found, in this critic's opinion, simply and solely in the necessity for economy. The rich were less rich, the poor were poorer, than formerly. An evening at a first-class theatre was a tolerably costly luxury, which people had decided they must renounce. The remedy was plain. Let the prices be reduced. This need not imply the wholesale cutting-down of the scale, but the introduction of a sensible system of grading, like that found everywhere on the Continent. The American notion that there were but two classes of seats, good ones and bad ones, was pernicious and to be gotten rid of as speedily as possible. The conclusion was reached that if some manager of good standing would take the initiative, make it universally known that, while the very front seats were held at the old prices, there were other rows, in every respect desirable and not less respectable, at lesser prices, and then provide entertainment of the same high order as hitherto, the result would be such as to show the truth of the proposition that the dull and unsatisfactory business is due to lack of money and not of interest in good performances. This statement of the case created a commotion, if nothing more. Sets of interviews followed. As was to be expected, the managers with one voice opposed the motion to reduce, while those of the people who were chosen as fair representatives of theatre-going classes were as unanimous in favor of the idea. The managers would not admit that business was so poor as stated, to begin with, and, however poor it was, they put the fault on the character of the entertainment rather than on the prices charged for them. Mr. Boucicault was like himself in saying that such things were none of the press' business, and in treating a suggestion merely as if it were an unwarranted interference or assault. He was sure Mr. Wallack had made money out of "Marriage," and could make it hand over fist at any time by simply putting Mr. Boucicault on his stage. To all this Mr. Wallack assented, as he usually does when Dion does the talking, as he usually does when he is around. One man was particularly sharp on

THE CLASS OF PERFORMANCES

which had been put before the public. We had come to depend on the French playwrights for catching pieces, he said, and the French had not produced any recently. Another experienced manager fell back on the Brooklyn disaster, and asserted that all other causes did not at date so much affect the business as the memory of that destruction of life. Gradually, however, this cloud was lifting, and then there would be no further trouble. The general experience was to the effect that the high priced seats were the ones always sold first, and the managers held it distinctively an American characteristic that, if a man, poor as well as rich, were going to an entertainment at all, he was bound to have the very best seat to be had. It was cited in proof that, rather than take good seats in the balcony, or in the rear of the house, parties would go outside and pay half-a-dollar extra to the ticket-speculators, who ingest the entrances and ought to be indictable as extreme nuisances. If this is an American characteristic, the sooner people are educated out of such a species of snobbishness the better for the country. Like silly ideas in foreigners are nowhere condemned and ridiculed more readily than here, and the remark of the editorial writer is a worthy one, that it would at least be worth while for somebody to try the experiment. The most reasonable answer made in opposition to reduction was that regarding the enormous salaries paid to leading artists, the prenaration demanded by every new play in the line of costly scenery and setting, and hence the vast expense of running a theatre in good style. Nobody can deny that, in contrast to the salaries paid members of other and certainly not less exacting or laborious professions, actors have reason to congratulate themselves on their present fortune and financial value.

The new play at Wallack's, by the way, cannot be called an improvement in the programme at that favorite house. There is sensational matter enough, and the mounting is as fine as every new piece receives there. But whatever judgment is now made up regarding Mr. Boucicault's latest drama, a return to "Marriage" would no doubt be preferable to sitting through the five parts of "Won at Last." The plot is certainly Frenchy enough, and the working out of it startling enough. There is proposed duelling and a rescue from suicide, broken-heartedness and much tragic declamation, all connected with the struggles of a reformed roue of a husband who unaccountably falls in love with and, after the *ad interim* encounters with fate and an earlier lover, at last wins—his own wife. The piece has met with as much favor as could reasonably be asked for. It belongs to that class which makes so many sigh for a return to something true and human, not human as things are seen in Paris, but as they appear in a land where flash and trash certainly have no right to form or rule taste.

THE POLICE RAID

upon the liquor-dealers is one of those temporary proceedings which, from their very violence and overshooting, react upon the originators. In this case there is reason why the prosecuted should claim to be persecuted also. Injustice and oppression cannot be practiced with impunity, even by so great an authority as that of the police government. If it appear to the sense of the masses that a wrong has been done under the cloak of right, the same must be answered for in some way. So, if it appear that hundreds of men have been arrested and given no choice but to spend a night in the station-house, used in an unnecessarily harsh manner, and all because two City Boards chanced to have a falling out, then it does not matter if the arrested parties were violators of law, they became in a certain sense martyrs, and as such receive sympathy and help which otherwise never would be theirs. In this way Mr. Beecher, who certainly is not a saloon-keeper's friend or advocate, was led to condemn the crusade against this class as arbitrary, spasmodic, unjust, and in reality hurtful instead of helpful to the temperance cause.

The history of this last movement is instructive. In the first place, the active temperance organizations have been busily at work to secure an enforcement of the rigorous statute of 1857 ever since the investigations of Oliver Cotter and others found that to be the statute still in force, through the blundering repeals made at Albany. Early last spring there was much agitation at this discovery, and a spasmodic attempt was made to close hundreds of saloons. The principal result at that time—the Police Board not being inclined to join in the Murphy movement—was the total bewilderment of the Excise Commissioners as to whether they had any authority to grant anything. The liquor-sellers bridged the chasm, as may be remembered, by putting three or more beds in a side-room or in the corner, so as to bring themselves within the tavern provision. Licenses were granted without overmuch care in this respect, and there was general quiet outwardly, though the temperance advocates were not asleep or lazy. When the time came this fall to grant licenses, the Commissioners were in extreme doubt as to their legal position. The test cases had none of them reached such a stage as to throw light upon their authority, and some advisers said one thing, some the opposite. Who it was that suggested

THE BRILLIANT IDEA

of taking a liquor-seller's money and giving him a receipt instead of a license is not known, but the suggestion was acted upon. Provided with these receipts and promises of something more, the parties went on with their business, believing they were protected. So they were practically, until under the stress brought to bear by the reformers, the Excise Commissioners made the plea that they had only given receipts which did not warrant the sale of intoxicating liquors or any sales at all, and that if the law was not enforced it was the fault of the Police Commissioners. This was a blow too much. Judge Davis had rather terrified the authorities by his vigorous charge to the Grand Jury, and the Grand Jury added to the fear by the constant examination into the subject. Under these circumstances, it is not strange that where one set of Commissioners tried to shift the responsibility wholly upon another set, that other should get wrathful and do something violent. It turned out, therefore, that on a single night 500 saloons were visited to such purpose that over 400 persons, caught in the act of selling suspicious liquids, were marched off to the station-houses, and had to stay there till the Police Justices reached their business next morning. Some of these dealers were of the high-toned order, which they themselves term "respectable," and they offered all sorts of recognizances, but to no avail. The Captains were as up in arms as were their superiors, and determined to make the most of the grand occasion. Of course there was a

HOWL FROM THE ARRESTED.

Then the Mayor interviewed sharply the Commissioners, and tried to have them practice discrimination. The subordinates had already done this in various cases, such as were not unknown in Chicago in the days of Sunday prosecution and back-door entrances; but where doors and windows had been left clear the respectables were not respected. Judge Davis' Grand Jury ended with a presentment which set forth the whole license business as a public scandal. And now comes another Grand Jury, to the members of which Judge Gildersleeve delivered a charge very different in spirit from the other, though not in favor of anything but moderation and judicious action. Public sentiment has veered around, so that the temperance agitators will not have a victory of any importance. The good to be expected is a new Excise law, which can be understood and enforced.

JUDGE DAVIS

yesterday decided, in the case of Troch, a bartender, that the receipt offered as protection against indictment was not protection, or anything except possibly a mitigation of the penalty, as showing good faith on the part of the offender. "If the rule be deemed harsh," said the Judge, "the harshness is in the law and not in the administrators." Other test cases are in progress. The decision of this one against Troch upholds the Justices who bound over the arrested parties, and sends the whole company before the Grand Jury. Liquors are to be found, meanwhile, in the small, hidden rooms, under the sidewalk or far in the rear. The policemen wink at these side-issues, and the drinking goes gaily on, much as it used to in Massachusetts and Maine. There's a deal of mystery in it just at present, but there's a deal of whisky in it, too, more's the pity.

JH. G.

HUMOR.

Smith (after telling a "regular one"): "I assure you, Jones, if I hadn't seen it myself I wouldn't have believed it." Jones: "Ha—h'm—well, you know, I didn't see it."

Woman consumes thirty-six buttons on her single pair of kid gloves; whereas man buttons his suspenders with a shingle-nail. And yet folks will ask, "Button, button,—who's got the button?"

The difference between the black and white race is easily explained. When a white man is choking, he turns black; but, when a colored man is in the same fix, he doesn't turn anything but his eye-balls.

George Francis Train has discovered how any man can live in luxury on five cents a day. But why should we live in luxury when we see so many poor families around us who are struggling to get through the winter with only one dog?"—*Worcester Press.*

The papers are trying to make a rhyme for obelisk; as for instance:

When o'er the desert a one-legged obelisk.
Tall and tough.
Sets out to walk to the ocean, its hobble is q—
Ueer enough.

—*New York Graphic.*

It was a boy about 10 years old, a pupil in one of the small schools in the northern part of the city, who caught sight of a stray colt in the street the other day as he was reciting his geography lesson, and he said: "The longest river in the world is the Amazon. It takes its rise—there's $3 for me if I can drive that colt to the pound—may I be excused?" He was excused.—*Detroit Free Press.*

CONQUERED.

I sing of a night, of a wintry night,
When the wintry winds were sighing,
When the air was cold, and the frost was bold,
And the snowflakes wild were flying.
'Twas a dismal night—O a dreadful night!
Not a star in the heavens seemed shining.
For the air was cold, and the frost was bold,
And the watchdog sadly whining.

And I thought of the days that had passed away,
Of the nights that were yet before me;
And I turned mine eyes to the far-off skies,
And I knew that my God was o'er me;
And I wept as I ne'er had wept before—
O what a night for weeping!
For the air was cold, and the Storm-King bold
On his fiery steed went sweeping.

And he laughed, and he said, as he onward sped,
"O mine is a voice of thunder;
With a tongue of fire do I strike my lyre,
Do I sing my song of wonder.
I ride on the wave, and I dance on the grave,
With a might all things defying;
When a voice I hear, now far, now near;
"List, list to the Storm-King dying!"

And I turned mine eyes with a glad surprise—
O what a face shone o'er me,
On snowy wings now it sweetly sings
The song of a hope before me.
And I turned mine eyes with a glad surprise—
'Twas an Angel's voice had spoken;
And the Storm-King bowed his mighty head,
For his mighty heart was broken.

JOSEPH D. TURNEY.

BOSTON.

The Old South Fair---Aunt Tabitha Receives Her Guests ---The Dial.

Mrs. Mother Goose, of Pudding Lane, and Thomas Fleet, Her Son-in-Law.

An Advance Look at the Atlantic for January --Culture vs. Cakes and Ale.

Everybody Sat Down Upon--- The Poet Whittier Again.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—All social and sociable Boston now devotes itself to and diverts itself at the Old South Church Fair. From the morning opening until 10 or 11 o'clock at night people are constantly coming and going. And such a swarm of people! If it rains or if it snows; if the nasty east wind blows deathly and destructive blasts round every corner; or if the impatient sun, getting the best of it for an hour or so, beams benignly, it seems to make no difference whatever,—still they come, the swarm of people, to see the Fair. Of course, the interior of the old meeting-house is a gay sight,—the old walls covered, the ugly pillars draped and decked with bunting, with evergreen and all the pretty paraphernalia of a Fair's bright gayeties; but, all the same, the arrangement is a surprise and a disappointment.

"Is it not beautiful enough?" demanded Brunetta, turning upon me with amazed and wrathful eyes.

"Quite beautiful enough. I never saw a prettier Fair, excepting always the French Fair in the Boston Theatre; but it is not the kind of Fair we had a right to expect,—I mean, of course, in its external arrangements and its presentation."

"*We*," echoes Brunetta; "will you be kind enough to tell me what the royal we did expect?"

"It expected that the Old South meeting-house should present a little different appearance in its *fairing* from every other Fair; that it should be unique and distinctive, full of 'associations' and suggestions of ye olden time. But when I stepped within the inner door,

OUT OF THAT DREADFUL DRAUGHTY LITTLE ENTRY,'

I saw the pink and pattern of forty other Fairs."

"Did they have Mother Goose's house in Pudding Lane, at the forty other Fairs?" indignantly asks Brunetta.

I admit that they did not; but that was the only "feature" of originality. For the rest, it was of the regular Fair pattern,—pretty, exquisitely pretty, with the waving flags, and the embroidered tidies, and gay afghans and bed-quilts, and endless articles of "bigotry and virtue."

"But what *did* you expect,—what *did* you want?"—asks Brunetta.

"O Brunetta! You can ask me this question,—you, whose great-great-great-grandfather sat within these 'sacred walls,' and whose——"

"O bother 'the sacred walls,'" interrupts Brunetta, saucily and slangily. "Just come to the point and tell me what you, or *we*, expected, for I'm due at the Fair now with these toilet sets."

"Well, to come to the point, we expected—we had a right to expect—that the Fair should be laid out——"

"Mercy! I should think you were an undertaker," breaks in Brunetta flippantly.

"That the Fair should be laid out not entirely in this modern fashion of tables, but with some attempt to recall and represent ye olden time which the Old South stands for. Why, in the name of consistency, were all the old relics, the John Hancock-Table, the Ancient Kitchen, and the 'Settin'-Room'

RELEGATED TO 'UP GALLERY!'

Why weren't they left as a background for the pretty shopkeeping of the Fair?"

"A background, indeed! If we could have pieced out the Old South, and given ourselves all the room we wanted, perhaps that would have been possible; but, as it was,—why, consider the space," and Brunetta lapsed into indignant, disgusted silence.

I considered the space, but I also insisted that there was no earthly reason why, instead of the tables, or stalls, as the English people say, being ranged squarely off in the usual Fair fashion, they shouldn't have been quaintly set in a fitting frame of some old bygone suggestiveness.

"What do you call Pudding Lane and Aunt Tabitha's receptions, I should like to know!" queries Brunetta.

"Very good, as far as they go, but they don't cover all the ground. They are only little pieces stuck in."

"But there's the *Dial*. There now!" and Brunetta nodded triumphantly.

"Yes, the *Dial* is very good, too, but that's another little piece. Why didn't they keep the kitchen, and the 'Settin'-Room,' and other of that old stuff of the past, on the floor in a picture and a set-off, and arrange these prosaic tables in the midst, and thus put a little flavor and character into the whole thing?"

"BECAUSE——THERE WASN'T ROOM!"

replied Brunetta in very large capitals, and vanishing from my aggravating presence with a bang of the door.

Presently she put her head in and says: "Now, *don't* let your prejudices get the better of you. If you are going to write to THE TRIBUNE about our Fair, tell the honest truth about it—that it's the prettiest, the very prettiest, Fair that Boston ever saw."

"Brunetta." I responded severely, "newspaper correspondents are entirely superior to all prejudices, and they invariably tell the honest truth. Like the renowned G. Washington, they cannot tell a lie!"

The door closes with another emphatic emphasis, but not before I have heard from Brunetta's lips a long-drawn "Oh—oh—oh!"

And now for the rest of the story of the Fair, the rest of the honest truth. As I have said, the Mother Goose house is a very original and pretty idea as one of the three pieces of ye olden time. We see it directly we enter, just before us and above us, in the east gallery,—the gallery where the Puritans listened to the solemn preacher, and sung Watts' hymns

TO THE RESOUNDING NOTES OF THE BASS VIOL.

It is a quaint little house, erected by Mr. Lundy, stage-carpenter of the Globe Theatre, and painted by Mr. Richards, the scenic artist, from the design of Mr. W. R. Emerson, the architect. The building bears three signs—"Elizabeth Goose: Her House"; "Thomas Fleet, Printer," and "Pudding Lane." At the left is a children's play-ground, where Mother Goose is personated to the life, and where little people personate the various characters in the Mother Goose melodies, and twice each day give exhibitions of Mother Goose games, such as "Here we Go Round the Barbery Bush," "Bo-Peep," "The Old Woman in Her Shoe," and "Ding Dong Bell." Mother Goose, in the meantime, sells pretty paper boxes of bon-bons called "Old South Bricks"; and in the house her son-in-law, Thomas Fleet, sells old quaint editions of the Mother Goose melodies, which his types first gave to the world. An artist has painted an ideal portrait of Mother Goose. This inscription is beneath: "Elizabeth Foster, known in her literature of the Nursery as Mother Goose, was born in Charlestown, Mass., in 1665 married Isaac Goose in 1693; became a member of the Old South Church in 1698. The first edition of her melodies was published by her son-in-law, Thomas Fleet, at his printing-house, Pudding Lane, Boston, in 1719. She died in 1757, aged 92 years, and was buried in the Old Granary Burying-Ground."

Was there ever anything odder and funnier than all this? Just think of all these jolly goings-on from the gallery where once "Tremble, ye sinners, and submit" was once sung in doleful tune. From Mother Goose's house we betake ourselves to

AUNT TABITHA'S KITCHEN,

first buying a ticket of a bright-eyed damsel, in a mob cap and an old-fashioned black-silk gown, with a white kerchief pinned across the bosom. We don't find Aunt Tabitha in the Old South building itself, but in the Transcript building across the way, which we reach by means of the annex. This is one of the overflows; for, as Brunetta said, there is great want of space in the old church.

And there is not only Aunt Tabitha herself, but another old dame, clad in the old-time garments, and

TWO PRETTY YOUNG WOMEN.

Aunt Tabitha, in a gay-flowered chintz kerchief and mob cap, hatchels, cards, and spins while she sings old hallelujah hymns. Now and then she gives little descriptions of something wherein she herself was one of the actors; for Aunt Tabitha is over 70,—a veritable old dame from Cape Cod. There are mock rafters in this kitchen, from which depend strings of dried apples, crook-necked squashes, and various other farm products. And over the fire-place hang two old Revolutionary guns and a sword that had belonged to an English officer, which was picked up after the battle of Bunker Hill. All the time Aunt Tabitha is spinning one of the pretty young women is dipping tallow-candles, and the other sits by the fire and croons now and then a baby song, while she rocks a cradle which holds a very waxy-looking baby. It is all a most delightful bit of old days, and Aunt Tabitha would make her fortune on the stage if she told her bits of experience as she told them to the little company when I heard her. It was worth a good deal more than "crossing ye bridge"—the annex—and the

FIFTEEN CENTS FEE TO MAKE HER ACQUAINTANCE.

Returning to the church building, I go and subscribe for the *Dial* at the office, which is an ingenious edifice representing the steeple of the old church. I stand at the big round dial, and confer with a pretty young woman and her masculine assistant. They are the "works" of this clock. Miss Susan Hale is the editress of this paper, and her brother, Edward Everett Hale, contributes. Altogether, the Fair is a great success, and the $40,000 which it is hoped it will clear does not seem too big an expectation as the daily returns come in. Thus far—and the door bursts open and enter Blondina like a whirlwind. I scent a storm.

"Have you just come from the Fair, Blondina!" I ask, mildly.

"Yes, I have; and I've seen Brunetta. She came over to my table, and told me what you said about the old things all being hustled off up gallery, and they are not. Some of them—the kitchen things and the sitting-room—are on the floor, Mrs. Mayflower told me."

"Mrs. Mayflower told you. Oh! you have to be told, do you? Have you seen them, Blondina?"

"No; I've been so busy I couldn't find out all the things yet, of course."

"Of course you couldn't. Well, if Mrs. Mayflower has told you the truth, it don't alter my complaint a bit. You don't want to have to be told. That is just it. The old relics and the old rooms should be the grand setting to the whole thing, which should at once rivet the eye upon entrance, and not be overborne, extinguished in some corner as a mere adjunct, like some poor old grandame by her nineteenth-century granddaughters in

THEIR FLAUNTING RIBBONS."

"Well, I don't care; I think it is real mean of you to find fault, and to say hateful things to THE TRIBUNE."

"Blondina, I've said lovely things to THE TRIBUNE; I've told how delightful Aunt Tabitha's is, and the Mother Goose house, and what a gorgeous *at-fair* it is altogether. Hateful things! Why, I admire the Fair and all its helpers; but can't I say one word of criticism?"

"Criticism? Yes, but don't abuse us."

"Abuse you! I read somewhere the other day this fine reply to just such an accusation as yours, Blondina: 'I am not abusing, I am only describing.' There; now go away, Blondina, for I have been enchanted with something I have been reading in the *Atlantic* for January, and I want to tell THE TRIBUNE about it."

"The January *Atlantic* out now?"

"Oh no, not yet; I have the advance sheets."

Blondina disappears, and I dip into the *Atlantic* to say a word or two about the best Contributors' Club that has yet appeared, to my mind. It discusses various subjects as usual, but most aptly and entertainingly "Culture versus Cakes and Ale." It seems specially written for Bostonians; but, after all, it reaches and touches with its "firing finger" of fire all

THE EXCLUSIVE BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD

who pride themselves on their purity of taste. Take this bit now from the imaginary dialogue: could anything be truer to Nature?

Penelope—You perceive that Rhoda is every bit as narrow and impatient as Calypso. Not long ago I was looking through the book-case to find some novels to send to my friend Cæsar, who was shut up at home with a cold. I had selected something by May Agnes Flemming, and something by Mrs. Southworth, when Rhoda, who had been watching me, rushed out and brought in one of Henry James Jr.'s books, and two of Topgenoff's. "Here, take these," she urged; "*don't* send that trash." "I beg your pardon," I answered, "I am sending what *Cæsar* will read." Do you know she has never liked the man since; she cannot like people who read——

Rhoda—Such books. No, I cannot. I judge people by the books they read.

Penelope—There you are wrong. It may be only that they have not cultivated that particular taste. Who knows but that Bryant may delight in the rippling measures of the Strauss waltzes? And Theodore Thomas may be charmed with Helen's Babies; or, at the Centennial Exhibition, last year, he may have preferred Frith's Marriage of the Prince of Wales to any other picture.

Germanicus (didactically)—The only good modern work there was that of Alma Tadema and Boughton.

Calypso—There was a Spanish picture I rather liked,—the burial of St. Lawrence, by Vera.

Germanicus—Weak and sentimental.

Rhoda—Do you know which one I prefer among all our American pictures of the last ten years? Winslow Homer's "Prisoners from the Front." There's reality for you!

Germanicus—Crude.

Penelope—If you are speaking of pictures generally, I will confess that I went down mentally upon my very knees before that marvelous "Last Token," in the Loan Collection at the Academy of Design.

Rhoda and Calypso—So did I.

Germanicus (impatiently)—You are mistaken, all of you. That picture panders to a false taste.

Calypso—But if we liked it, Germanicus? Is it haunting us for days? If it made us glow and weep in thinking of those times when men and women believed enough to die for their belief?

Germanicus—All wrong,—artistically.

Penelope—Last spring, I met Germanicus on the street, and he took me down to the —— Club, to see the new pictures. I found there the most delicious painting of a glowing October day, golden with sunshine, red with colored leaves, and stood some time looking at it. "Oh, come away, come away," said Germanicus, impatiently. "Don't look at that thing." And he bore me off to a melancholy November afternoon, with a gray sky, leaves all gone, and a sad forlornness. "There!" he said; "if you want autumn, *that* is like it." It was, being the excellent work of McEntee. But why could he not let me enjoy my bright picture, too?

Germanicus—Because it was not good art.

Penelope—But if I did not know?

Germanicus—You ought to know. I have no patience——

Calypso and Rhoda—He has no patience! And he likes That Husband of Mine and the Blue Danube!

Penelope—As I said before, cultivated people are too scornful, interfering, and impatient. Instead of enjoying themselves up in their own empyrean, where everybody is quite willing they should remain, they are forever coming down-stairs to sneer at us, make remarks, and drag us, if they can, away from the objects of our humble preferences. I always knew——

Rhoda—We shall have to stop Penelope; she has got to "always knew."

WITH MORE OR LESS DEGREE OF FRANKNESS AND POLITENESS,

this is precisely the kind of talk that we are constantly hearing in certain sets here in Boston. Somebody is always sitting down on somebody else. The rest of the magazine is up to its usual standard. A poem by Whittier at once, in spite of its sweetness and beauty, recalled to me the very clever analysis of his power which I read in THE TRIBUNE a few days ago. The poem is full of charm, but it is a repetition both in construction, and quality, and class of subject. In his later poems especially, Mr. Whittier has limited himself a great deal to this special form of constructiveness. It is choice, of course, but this choice is significant. As the analysis very truly said, his poetic power was in a great measure sacrificed to the reformer.

N. P.

DISTANT BELLS.

What can we say of distant bells?
They lend a charm, we know;
But who can e'er define the spells
That bind us in dark hours of woe
They tell us of joys and of sorrows
That have fled, and are sure to return;
They whisper of laureis in waiting,
Which we by our efforts shall earn.

They bring back things of the shadowy Past,
Which recall we in misty haste;
The sorrows we think are subdued at last,
Are given us again to taste.
And the Present, with its cares and fears,
Is shown in a brighter hue,
While all unbidden will start to tears
What we ever would hide from view.

And the Future, with a gleam of hope
Bright as the morning-dew,
Comes in a lovelier vision
Than a dream of Fairies could do.
We think with sad and aching hearts
Of the loved ones gone before,
And picture, too, in our inmost soul,
The meeting on the Golden Shore.

We think of those we once called friends,
Who have proven themselves untrue;
We call them to mind with one little pang,
When e'en *that* is not to them due.
Ring on! ring on! O distant chimes!
Through the years that are so fleet,
Though your sounds are so well intermingled—
The bitter with the sweet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14, 1877. I. MACC.

The Substitute in Armenia for the Pullman Car.

Correspondence London News.

I was gratified at last by obtaining the much-desired bullock-cart, on which the bulk of my household things were placed. This two-wheeled vehicle had a close resemblance to those used by the Arians in their migrations towards the West thousands of years ago. The axletree, turning round with the block-wheels, supports two long beams, joining at the fore part at a sharp angle with the thole for the bullocks by means of a wooden bolt. The bottom of this triangular construction is formed by three cross-beams and some hurdle work. This primitive machine plows through the muddy country tracks at the rate of two miles an hour. For all that, I was as glad to hire it as though I had obtained a Pullman saloon.

GOSSIP FOR LADIES.

How We Get Our Habits---A Romantic Marriage.

The Wife's Stratagem---Novel Interruption of a Wedding.

An Autumnatic Idyl---Feminine Notes.

AND FALSE AS SWEET.

"Sweet, sweet, and false as sweet,
And fickle as you please,"
The saucy chaffinch whistled out,
High in his maple-trees.

"Sweet, sweet, and false as sweet"—
No other sound or stir!
But he hears not, for all his heart
Was filled with thought of her.

"Sweet, sweet, and false as sweet,"
Shrilled on the harsh refrain:
The gueider-roses 'side the path
Made sweet the twisting lane.

"Sweet, sweet, and false as sweet"—
She smiles into his eyes.
(O that a learned man might be
In woman-hearts more wise!)

"Sweet, sweet, and false as sweet,"
The chaffinch shrieks, as late
The learned comes home alone,
And looks his wicket-gate.

"Sweet, sweet, and false as sweet!"
He plucks a leaf of rue;
"O hush! O hush! You break my heart,
Chaffinch, you cried her true!

CHICAGO. LULU M. W.

HOW WE GET OUR HABITS.

Rochester Democrat.

Things that are novel are liable to be regarded as nice. Once accepted, no man can tell how long they are going to remain. A good many years ago a married couple of noble tendencies—we refer to their birth—were descending a stair-way in Paris. The gentleman blunderingly stepped on her dress and tore the same from her waist in the rear. The lady hit him savagely with her parasol, breaking the handle of that article.

"What shall we do now?" she said with a sob.

"I'll tell you, my dear," he replied, with that cheerfulness and adaptability to circumstance which married men know so well how to assume quickly. "Drop your shawl to your waist, so covering the rent, and there you are."

"How ridiculous!" she replied, shedding tears copiously. "I shall look like a fright. I shall never dare to appear on the street again. You wretch! I shall be the talk of the whole town."

"It cannot be helped, I am afraid," remarked the gentleman ruefully. "We must get home somehow. And really, my dear, I think the dress will look quite nicely. It will be a novelty, anyhow."

"My new silk!" exclaimed the lady, wringing her hands. "It will be utterly spoiled. The skirts will sweep up unutterable filth. It will be loaded with mud, and nutshells, and straws, and little sticks, and dust, and everything. You abominable person! You have ruined me forever."

"I hope it is not so bad as that," said the poor man, trying to smile. "But see here, my dear! I am as unfortunate as you. Observe how ridiculous you have made this hat. You have battered it out of all shape with your parasol. It looks—it looks like a section of a badly-used stove-pipe. I am ashamed to be seen on the street with it."

"And the parasol!" continued the lady. "The stick is broken off nearly up to the shade. I dare not go out without it, but it looks so absurd that I shall be the laughing stock of all we meet."

The couple were a long way from home. The ludicrousness of the situation finally overcame their timidity and vexation, and they laughed. This put them in such good humor that they became bold. Marching out to the street, they went on their way looking as if nothing had happened. People stared at them curiously. But they were known and respected, and there were no smiles and no questions. The ladies of Paris occasionally look around for a back view of the ladies they have passed. It is a custom peculiar to no other part of the world. In this instance the backward glances were numerous, but by no means alarming. "Why, look at the Countess' dress!" was the general remark. "It sweeps the walk at least a yard in her rear. How sweet! The folds of her dress fall so gracefully! It is evidence that there is no stinginess in the Countess' family. It shows that art will have its way, regardless of expenses. It is the consummation of grace. And observe the Countess' parasol! The shade is down to the tip of the Countess' nose. There's utility for you. What is the use of a yard of stick? It is an unnecessary weight, and it serves to let the sun shine in under the shade. It is the sweetest and best of parasols."

The Count had no less reason to be happy. "By Jove!" remarked the gentlemen who looked at him, "the Count's hat is a stunner this time. Looks as if it had been accidentally elongated. That's art. Shows carelessness, you know. Looks to be stiff, too. That's art. Seems to have a superfluous amount of vacuum; but what's a hat unless you have enough of it? Wonder where the Count got it? His own invention, probably. Just like him. Nobody knows how to dress tastefully equal to the Count. It is the hat of hats. It is the brightest and most artistic and most valuable hat that ever came from the maker's."

Two centuries ago. A week after the event all Paris had a peculiar parasol, and likewise the trail and the stove-pipe hat. Since then they have traveled all over the world, and, dear children, they are with us yet. We stepped on one of them a moment ago. Our hat was banged with another of them, as a result, sufficiently to make another fashion in that article. But, alas! we are not a Count.

A WIFE'S STRATAGEM.

Portland (Me.) Argus.

There is a certain well-known gentleman, a resident of Ward 1, who not long ago was the hero of a little episode which is altogether too good to be allowed to sink into newspaperless obscurity. He had been passing the evening at a friend's, making one of a merry euchre party, and when he reached his own residence it was quite late, in fact past 12 o'clock. On entering his sleeping-room he noiselessly undressed and crept into bed very quietly in order not to awaken his wife, who was apparently calmly sleeping, wrapped in pleasing dreams. The gentleman was glad to think his better half, instead of sitting up for him as was her custom, though against his repeated requests, had retired, and so took especial pains not to disturb her repose, and in a few minutes was himself fast asleep.

It was broad daylight when he awoke the next morning, and the motionless figure beside him showed that his wife, usually a quite early riser, had not yet got up. He thought it strange she should not be up, and stranger that she should be so soundly sleeping; but feeling still too sleepy to say anything, he again consigned himself to slumber. The sunlight was streaming into the room when he again awoke, and still his wife was sleeping beside him. Putting his hand on her head and playfully catching hold of a lock of hair, what was his surprise to find a whole head yield to his gentle pull, while a sudden burst of laughter from a lady looking into the room through the partly opened door told the gentleman that there was something wrong somewhere, and, rising on his elbow, he soon discovered that instead of sleeping with his wife the past night he had been reposing by the side of a "dummy," which the partner of his bosom had skillfully decked out in all the paraphernalia of a sleeping Venus. How tha story got abroad is a mystery, but one thing is certain, the gentleman who slept with the "dummy" never told it.

A ROMANTIC WEDDING.

Baltimore Gazette, Dec. 4.

An exceedingly romantic wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church. The bride was Mrs. Emma A. Moore, of Jackson, Miss., a pretty and accomplished widow of 23 or 24, and the groom Mr. John T. Mayo, a young merchant of Norfolk, Va., who is a widower. On Saturday morning last Mrs. Moore arrived in this city and registered as a guest at Ford's Eutaw Hotel. She appeared to be expecting some one, and bore a look of disappointment during the morning. After dinner she requested a few moments' conversation in the parlor with Capt. W. J. Wash, manager of the hotel. The Captain granted her request, whereupon she confided to him the romantic story of her flight from friends in the extreme South, in order to marry the man she loved. She left Jackson, she related, under the promise to meet in this city Mr. Mayo, who was to have joined her at the depot. She expected to reach this city on Thursday, but had been delayed by the late freshet, and was terribly exercised in mind at the thought that her intended husband had returned to Norfolk. She had been obliged, she stated, to come on to Baltimore to be married to escape the importunities of a too ardent lover in Jackson. She had been engaged to the gentleman referred to in Jackson, and intended marrying him, but while at Saratoga last summer she met Mr. Mayo, and both fell desperately in love. She left the gay watering-place pledged to her new love, and with the unpleasant task before her of breaking the news to the old one. When informed of her determination, lover No. 1 raved, vowed that she was false, and declared that she should marry no one but him. She at once determined upon her flight, and by a preconcerted arrangement with lover No. 2 agreed to meet him in Baltimore. Capt. Wash expressed his sympathy for her when she had finished her romantic story, and promised to render her all the assistance in his power to find the missing bridegroom elect. Saturday afternoon and Sunday passed away, however, without any trace of him being discovered, and Mrs. Moore, in utter despair and thoroughly disappointed, resolved to return to her home. Accordingly, she left the hotel yesterday morning, and at

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

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The Matrimonial Ventures, the Club-Parties, Surprises, Receptions, Etc.

Some Splendid Toilettes Worn at a Fashionable New York Ball.

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MATRIMONIAL.

At the residence of the bride's parents, No. 187 Campbell avenue, last Wednesday evening, Miss Mary Leavitt was united in marriage to Mr. Alfred B. Parker, the Rev. S. H. Adams performing the ceremony, at 8:30 o'clock. The attendants were Mr. Joseph P. Leavitt, Jr., and Miss Lottie Crafton, of Cincinnati. The ushers were Messrs. J. A. McDonald and F. H. Kiser. The bride was dressed in an elaborate costume of cameo-pink silk, en princesse, tulle drapery and natural flowers. The presents were numerous, useful, and elegant.

A very pleasant, quiet wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 781 West Lake street, last Tuesday, in which Miss Emma G. Fraser was united in marriage to Mr. W. Fred Main, by the Rev. Sumner Ellis. A number of elegant presents were bestowed.

Mr. Richard Forbes and Miss Kittie L. Donovan were married last Wednesday evening. The affair was strictly private, only the relatives being present.

There were married Dec. 11, at the residence of the bride's mother, 230 South Park avenue, by the Rev. Dr. Williamson, Miss Sarah E. Green and Mr. M. J. Scott, both of this city.

The silver wedding of Bobert Law, No. 151 South Clinton street, was celebrated Friday evening at his residence.

Wednesday evening, at the residence of the bride's brother, No. 177 Hubbard street, Miss Cecelia Jansen was married to Mr. Owen E. Hagan, by the Rev. J. F. Torgerson. The rooms were tastefully decorated with smilax, evergreens, and taperoses. The bridal couple were attended by Mr. T. Coleman and Miss Inger Jansen, sister of the bride.

PROSPECTIVE BLISS.

The marriage of Miss E. Libbie Lyke, of No. 765 Fulton street, to Mr. William McAlpine Cregier, of the Water-Works, is announced to take place next Thursday evening, at 6 o'clock, at the bride's residence.

SOCIAL AND CLUB NOTES.

Our Club gave a brilliant opening party at the residence of Judge Rogers, No. 230 Ashland avenue, last Friday night.

Mrs. D. P. Wilkinson, of No. 163 Rush street, gave a large and elegant party last Friday evening.

Mr. Charles Angell gave an elegant dinner party last Thursday evening at the Grand Pacific to four ladies and three gentlemen.

Mrs. Jenkins, of No. 2 Washington place, gave a dinner party to a number of her friends last Thursday.

Mrs. Gen. Sackett gave a dinner party to a dozen of her friends last Thursday, at her residence, No. 316 Michigan avenue.

Our Favorites gave their second party at Martine's West Side Academy last Friday evening. The receptions of this club are pronounced even better than those of last year.

Mrs. St. John and Mrs. Leonard gave a reception yesterday afternoon and evening at their studio, in Field's Building, corner of State and Madison streets.

Mrs. J. M. Douglas entertained a large number of her friends last Friday night, at her residence, No. 297 Erie street.

The Nondescript Society gave one of its most successful entertainments last Friday evening, at the residence of Mr. Joseph Creswell, No. 1114 Bowen avenue.

The Misses Nettie and Addie Bean entertained a large number of their friends at their residence, No. 624 South Park avenue, Friday evening last.

Quite a pleasant surprise was tendered Miss Minnie Bromley, at her residence, last Wednesday evening.

Last Monday evening a very pleasant birthday and surprise party was given Mr. D. W. Johnson, of No. 88 Sedgwick street, a young musician.

The South Side La Favorite Club gave the second of its series of receptions Wednesday evening at Lakeside Hall, corner Indiana avenue and Thirty-first street. There were about thirty couples present. The programme consisted of sixteen numbers, with a short German "extra." Freiberg furnished the music.

Miss Carrie Simpson was agreeably surprised at her residence, No. 305 Sedgwick street, Thursday evening last, by a party of friends under the leadership of Miss Emma Rehill. The evening was passed in dancing and singing, together with various games and literary exercises. Much credit is due Miss Rehill for her admirable management of the affair. About twenty-five couple were present.

The Pleasant Hours Club held its fifth reception last Thursday evening, at No. 697 West Jackson street, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Williams. The occasion was a phantom party, and a large number of "ghosts" filled the spacious parlors.

The second reception of the Mignon Club was held Wednesday evening at the residence of John Cochrane, Esq., No. 40 Throop street.

A large surprise party was given Miss Tillie McKinlay last Thursday evening, in honor of her fourteenth birthday.

The Social Quadrille Club gave its second party last Thursday evening at Klare's Hall. There were about sixty-five couples present, who danced to the music of Hand & Freiberg's orchestra until a late hour.

The Ivy Club gave an extremely pleasant party a week ago last night at Avenue Hall, No. 159 Twenty-second street, being the fourth of the series. Upward of seventy couples were in attendance. The music was furnished by Fitzgerald's orchestra.

A very pleasant surprise-party was given at Lakeside Hall last Friday night in honor of Miss Tillie Kline, who leaves for Denver, Col., this week. It was a complete surprise to the recipient in every sense. Great credit is due to the management for the efficiency displayed. About sixty persons were present.

The Benedict Club gave its fifth party Thursday evening at Masonic Hall, corner of Thirty-first street and Indiana avenue. The music was furnished by Wedgwood.

A surprise party, made up of a number of the young people of Englewood, took omnibuses Friday evening and proceeded to the residence of Miss Ada Weir, corner of Michigan avenue and Twenty-fifth street. A very pleasant evening was spent. The long ride in the omnibus gave the young people good appetites, and they did ample justice to the supper.

The tin wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Goodrich was celebrated at their residence, on Arnold street, Englewood, Tuesday evening. About twenty of their friends spent a pleasant evening with the happy bride and groom of ten years.

The members of the Fairview Social Club gave the closing party of their first series last Tuesday evening. The popularity to which this Club has attained was evidenced by the large number present. The Club will give a second series of five parties, beginning Thursday evening, Dec. 20.

A select party of friends were entertained by Mrs. E. N. Hill, at her residence, No. 364 West Congress street, last Wednesday evening.

The second social reception of the Oriental Consistory was given Thursday night. There were present about ninety couples, who enjoyed a delightful evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Nonpareil Club will give its second party New Year's eve, at Lincoln Park Hall.

The next party of the Sans Pareil Club occurs Monday evening.

The next regular party of the West Side Reception Club occurs Monday evening.

The Snowflake Club will hold its sixth party at Owsley's Hall Thursday evening, Dec. 20.

The Saturday Night Social Club will give its regular parties every Saturday night at Central Dancing Academy.

The next party of Our Friends will take place at Bournique's Academy, next Thursday evening.

The Merry Club meets Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Norman Blatherwick, in Irving place.

The Committee on Reunion for the Class of '75, Chicago High School, desire to announce that there will be no reunion of the class during the coming holidays, the committee not having met with sufficient encouragement in their labors. All graduates of any year interested in the formation of a permanent organization for the purpose of continuing old school associations will please send in their names to James C. Hutchins, No. 63 Grant place.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Northup, of Evanston, have gone to California to spend the winter.

Miss Joan Pinkerton has been visiting friends in Austin during the past week.

Miss Adele Morris, of Cincinnati, is the guest of Miss Emily Shays, No. 746 West Monroe street, with whom she will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kennett, *nee* Durand, have returned from a three years' tour of Europe, and are at the Grand Pacific.

Mrs. Jaffrey and Miss Osborn have returned to their home, No. 978 Michigan avenue, after an absence of four months in the East.

Mr. Joseph N. and Miss Mary Baker, of Hyde Park, have gone to Kentucky on a visit.

Miss Jessie Couthoui has returned to her home in Englewood from a protracted visit in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rice have returned from Boston, where they have been enjoying a prolonged visit among friends.

Dr. Knox and family have taken up their abode at St. Caroline's Court Hotel.

Mrs. Dr. L. M. Glover, of Jacksonville, is visiting friends in the city.

Gen. E. C. Bates and family have removed to Riverside for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Williams left the city last Sunday evening for Memphis and New Orleans.

Mrs. P. J. Brumelkamp and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Syracuse, N. Y., are spending a few weeks with Mrs. L. S. Mayo, No. 801 Michigan avenue.

Mrs. Clara Townsend, of Oconomowoc, is spending the winter here as the guest of Mrs. Alfred Wright, No. 76 Langley avenue.

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

Ten thousand rosebuds surrounded a New York dinner-party last week.

The streets have teemed with busy inquirers for and buyers of holiday novelties the entire week, and the next six days will see even greater animation. The weather has been glorious for shopping; a generous visitation of Indian summer in winter time. What has suddenly become of the growlers at Chicago's barbaric climate?

There are at Jansen, McClurg & Co.'s—a store that seems always crowded—a great many very beautiful and unusual articles of fancy stationery recently imported; among others some silver-bronze inkstands after antique Persian and Indian patterns, a couple of elaborately wrought paper cases in the same material which are exquisitely fine, and a very choice collection of paper and envelope cases and portfolios in Russia and other leathers, etc. These beautiful objects are worthy all admiration, as also are the numberless superb books which adorn the store; or the exquisite imported Christmas cards which have a little admiring crowd of buyers round them all the time. After all, there is no more attractive place than Jansen, McClurg & Co.'s.

Painted candles for ornamental purposes are more fashionable than ever, but they are now ornamented mainly in Pompeiian designs and colors, black and red. Leaf and flower designs in delicate colors have vanished, and in their place we find high color in solid masses, relieved with lines or bars of black and gold. Some ladies have had artists sent to their houses to paint their candles to match the decoration of the rooms. Of course candles require candle-holders, and so candlesticks and candelabra, as well as candlesticks of bronze and pottery, are in great request.

A worthy and sensible gift, for a moderate figure, is a year's subscription to Cobb's Library. From now on to the 1st of January is a natural time to arrange for your reading for 1878.

Senators' wives are still considered a notch higher than the wives of the Cabinet, and O how the Cabinet wives and the Senators' wives hate each other!

The fashion of wearing cheap rings over kid gloves still prevails. The wearer can always be set down as very wealthy.

Tem Pahute, Nevada. An Indian name and a far-away place. But evidently somebody lives there beside Indians, or Studebakers' would not have shipped one of their road-wagons there this week.

The variability of winter weather is a severe test of a piano's stability of tune. With the thermometer swinging all the way from 60 above to 20 below zero, only an instrument of faultless construction can maintain uniform permanence of tune. The patented improvements of the Hallet, Davis & Co.'s pianos insure perfect and unvarying excellence in this respect. Other uprights may fail, but those of this firm's manufacture cannot, for they are so constructed that they *must* stand in tune an uncommonly long time. W. W. Kimball has a comprehensive assortment of these noble pianos, some of them in cases of rare magnificence.

The place *par excellence* to select gifts which will unite practicality with rare usefulness and beauty is at Giles, Bro. & Co.'s. Gifts which shall cause the recipients to hold the donor in lasting remembrance; gifts which shall endear to the delighted receivers this Christmas as the merriest of all their lives.

Chatelaines worn with colored fans are of silver or oxidized silver. A favorite design for the clasp is the Japanese fan or a half-opened fan; the Japanese fan is a marked feature in the decoration of many other articles now worn as accessories. Frequently the ball-dresses are attached by ribbons matching the dress or trimmings, by chatelaines of fine flowers, or by chains of gold or some other jeweled design which adds richness to the dress.

Perfectly-baked cakes, rolls, etc., including special large cakes for Christmas and New Year's, are obtainable at that paragon of bakeries, C. L. Woodman & Co.'s, No. 81 Washington street. There dainties are all made directly under Mr. Woodman's personal supervision, and he, as is well known, is a connoisseur of his art in the West. The elite of Chicago still swarm to the superb lunch parlors connected with this establishment. It is the most elegant and satisfactory restaurant this city ever saw.

Silver pepper-boxes in the shape of a gentleman's boot are the latest vagary in table furnishing. Pickle-dishes of the same style are also manufactured.

All our city society leaders and the prominent newspapers agree that the present winter is to witness an unusual revival of social gayety. Weddings and parties are already announced in considerable numbers, and our most prominent people are taking a more active part in all elegant entertainments than they have done for years. We want to make a prophecy right here, and next spring will see it amply vindicated, and that is that every maiden, bride, and matron who is distinguished for becoming and beautiful toilets at the finest of these entertainments will be found to have obtained their superb costumes of Ghormley alone. This country has not the equal of Ghormley in the art of modes, and famed Paris cannot show his superior.

Choice pottery and porcelain will figure largest in the list of all Christmas gifts this year, and hereafter. The ceramic art is so obviously beautiful, and it adapts itself so thoroughly to the abilities of every purse, that its products commend themselves to purchasers of holiday tokens in all walks of life. The Ovingtons are supreme and unrivaled in the extent, range, and rare elegance of everything in their line.

Japanese fans, widespread, are fastened above chamber-doors or windows to give a touch of brilliant color to the room. Those costing from 5 or 10 cents each are quite good enough. They are secured with brass-headed tacks.

Kellogg and Cary may disagree as to who sings best, or has the most admirers, but neither of them deny that the Knabe piano is the best in every respect. Julius Bauer & Co. have received a large shipment of this make for the holidays.

Beautiful trifles have appeared in profusion within the past two weeks, and consist of handkerchiefs, silk embroidered, with monograms or long initial letters in color. French cambric handkerchiefs with scalloped border, in violet or red, with monogram corner in variegated colors; red and white satin corselets embroidered with miniature rosebuds and brown-shaded leaves; delicate hosiery inlaid with old lace; satchels of embroidered satin, filled with scented powder, and quite new handkerchief-boxes, the bottom lined with scented silk cushion filled with scented powder and covered with guipure lace, the centre showing the initial or the monogram of the owner.

A distinguished lawyer in Kansas City drives a fine matched team. Hereafter he will drive them before a fine wagon too. Studebakers shipped him one yesterday,—a top side-bar road wagon for two persons, weighing all told but 220 pounds,—a model wagon in every way.

Mayo, Palmer House Block, is selling the best jewelry, etc., this year for the least money of any house in Chicago.

A novel bracelet at Tiffany's, in New York, is a narrow band of gold, with a tiny mouse, composed of diamonds, crouched on the top.

The largest assortment of fine seal and Russia pocket books, card cases, note cases, etc., can be found at Skeen & Stuart's, 77 Madison street.

Paris rejoices in a young, pretty, and well-dressed woman, who for the past two years has not missed a daily visit to the hack-stands from the Bastile to the Madelaine. She pets every horse on the stand, and treats it to sugar or cake, and the horses know her and brighten up at her approach.

Chicago has many elegantly furnished houses, but for chasteness of design, combined with richness of material and finish, the W. W. Strong Furniture Company have a special order on exhibition in their windows, which, we are quite positive, has never been equaled in this city.

After the banquet given Gen. Grant at the Paris Grand Hotel it was remarked at the Hotel Brunswick, where he was staying (in the room occupied by Albert Edward, Prince of Wales), that the ex-President rose early after the banquet and breakfasted more substantially than usual, feeling rather "hollow" doubtless. The dinner was very light, and reflected no credit on the American residents in the French Capital. One bottle of wine had to do duty for a dozen persons.

"'Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good." The open winter, although not so good for the sleigh-trade, makes carriage sales better. Studebakers say their trade so far this month has been larger than in December for four years past.

The latest novelty in fans is to have the feather tops intermixed with sprays of flowers, such as pansies and elder flowers.

The gift which never palls and never wearies is a good book. The scope of choice in a first-class book house has no practical limit, and every taste and fancy is certain to be pleased. W. B. Keen & Co., at Nos. 38 and 40 Madison street, are offering their excellent stock of holiday and standard books at the lowest rates ever known in Chicago. The opportunity to obtain all grades of publications is one not likely to be afforded in this city again.

The Poughkeepsie girl who sued her lover for breach of promise supposed she had been courted by a man, but he swore to being only 18 years of age and won the suit.

Ladies in their shopping tours are enjoying an entertaining colored cartoon just exhibited at the "Domestic" sewing-machine rooms, No. 180 State street. It is a cleverly painted canvas, one side of which shows a happy-looking lady, of substantial figure and evidently in good circumstances, sitting at her sewing-machine. Her contented ejaculation is, "I use the light-running 'Domestic.'" In sad contrast, on the other side of the scene, is a dismally thin, care-worn, and wretched woman who, as she toils at her hard-running machine, exclaims, wearily, "I don't."

A St. Louis widow has had three husbands. She has on hand a lawsuit to break the will of the first, another to recover the insurance money on the life of the second, and a third to obtain alimony from the last.

No publication this season has attracted more attention and commendation from magazines, journals, and the public, than Arthur Hope's "Sorrento and Inlaid Work." This is published by Mr. John Wilkinson, of No. 77 State street, Chicago, a gentleman who carries the largest assortment of beautiful designs of the "Sorrento" order to be found in this country. He also has the varied and fascinating sawblades for working out the superb designs, while his exhibit of finished articles is matchless and charming. Winter is essentially the time for home "Sorrento-work," and the tools and designs for this pastime are the most graceful and acceptable of holiday gifts.

The refinement and elegance of the perfumes used by her are the best evidence of a true lady's culture. The Dr. Price's perfumes, obtainable at Steele & Price, perfumers, 110 Randolph street, are the most delicate and attractive of any in the world.

Since the disclosure that one family in America is connected with the British peerage, the American heart beats higher. It is a grand thing to feel that one's ancestors belonged to the gang of thieving scoundrels who in the middle ages called themselves knights.

"The Wedding Chimes" waltz, a bright, catching theme arranged for the piano, is published and sold by the Chicago Music Company, No. 152 State street.

Christmas without floral adornments at church and at home would be unnatural indeed. Hovey & Co., No. 50 Madison street, have the freshest and most beautiful of flowers, and are matchless in the preparation of bouquets, emblems, etc.

If at the last moment you receive a gift from an unexpected source, and wish to make immediate acknowledgement of the remembrance, buy a basket of flowers and send them to the the person who favored you. Flowers never come amiss to any recipient.

There is no end to the variety of handsome, useful, and appropriate gifts which may be selected from the stock of a first-class furniture house. Your holiday money will go further at Donnelly & Barnes, No. 270 and 272 Wabash avenue, than elsewhere in Chicago.

If you look for a beautiful book for a Christmas present don't fail to examine "The Gathering of the Lilies." It fully merits the epithet lovely, and is easily the superior of all the books issued this year. You will find it at Jansen, McClurg & Co.'s.

"Sidonie" has been the theme of general interest during the week. That it is an entertaining, strongly-written play is conceded on all sides. By the way, that is a charming new song Miss Maye sings in the piece.

Wolcott & Co., corner Wabash and Adams, have recently opened a new lot of fine engravings which are attracting attention. This popular art store is famous for its elegant selections and frames, especially the decorated frames which were introduced here by this firm.

Silver dollars will be taken at par for cut flowers, baskets, and everything in the floral line, put up in the latest style at W. J. Ellinwood's, florist, 58 State street.

At Mr. Croceer's silver wedding in California recently, his wife presented a picture so striking and singular that it deserves mention. Her gown was a mass of silver brocade and gauze; she wore a girdle, necklace, corsage bouquet, and fan (matelaine of magnificent diamonds; and crowning all this silvery glitter was her thick, shining silver-white hair.

Copeland's celebrated Parian statuettes, groups, and busts; also, Rogers' groups of statuary, are attractive Christmas presents. West & Co., No. 245 Wabash avenue, have a large collection.

It is not generally known that flowers, even in hot-houses, will not flourish unless there is considerable sunshine. But for the bright sunny days we have recently had, fine flowers for Christmas would have been almost unobtainable. Now, however, they will be plentiful and beautiful.

Very handsome metal-lined cigar-boxes, of rare woods, richly mounted, are designed to hold fifty cigars, and have a compartment in the centre for a damp sponge, to keep the cigars from becoming too dry.

We found him brushing the Belshazzar Feast dust off his Chinese gods, whose antiquity dates back some 1,000 years. Mr. Blackall, who has for the past quarter of a century supplied the best tea and coffee trade of Chicago, was jubilant over an arrival of extra choice Mocha and Java coffees; their equal, he says, he has never seen anywhere, and that is strong indorsement. His Nos. are 49 South Clark street and 186 West Madison street, corner Halsted.

Chicago was seen at its best yesterday afternoon. So many dainty articles filled the shop windows that the unregenerate woman was in danger of breaking the Tenth Commandment at every step. Wryneck or strabismus must have been the result of the general desire to see the effect of striking costumes, after their wearers had passed by.

The West Side Library, 339 West Madison street, presents everything novel and attractive in the line of choice stationery, Christmas and New Year's cards, etc. Gifts suited to every taste are obtainable here.

A London paper has this paragraph: "A new industry is said to be extending rapidly in Paris. It consists in the manufacture of cloth five times lighter and three times warmer than wool, from the feathers of domestic and other birds. The material is waterproof, and takes dye readily." The feather-manufactured cloth, five times lighter and three times warmer than wool, is probably made from the down of the *canard*.

Brand seems born to revolutionize and improve the old order of things. His recent enterprise is eminently characteristic and commendable. He now takes his unrivaled cabinets at $6 per dozen and cards at $3. All classes of photographs obtained of him are perfect art gems.

Give her one of H. H. Bromwell & Co.'s elegant seal sacques for her Christmas present, 161 State street.

Dialogue between an eminent lawyer and a client: Client—"How is it that I can never find you in your office? I have been there a dozen times this week, and you are always out." Lawyer—"Lord bless you, that's what I keep an office for. I must have one place where nobody can ever find me."

The choicest of flowers, bouquets, and emblems for Christmas, or any other time, at H. A. Savage & Co.'s, 77 State street.

"A polite man," said the Duc de Morny, "is one who listens with interest to things he knows all about when they are told him by a person who knows nothing about them."

An appropriate Christmas present: Strength means health, health means a good digestion, sound sleep, and rosy cheeks. A sound mind requires a robust body. If you love your children, present them with a season ticket entitling them to the different gymnastic exercises at Natatorium Hall, corner of Michigan avenue and Jackson street.

It is said of Hans Christian Andersen that his geography was as fanciful as his fairy tales. He invariably addressed his publishers in this country: Hurd & Houghton, Astor-place, New York, Riverside Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States: which showed, perhaps, more patience than knowledge.

According to the Washington *Capital*, the wife of a New York banker appeared the other evening at a fancy-dress party as "Capital." The dress was covered on the skirt, so as to make it appear one piece, with $100 and $500 bills. The waist and sleeves were $1,000 bonds sewed in, and her fingers and ears blazed with diamonds. The tiara was said to have been worth $80,000, and the total value of the notes and diamonds on her person was $360,000. Two pages carried her train, and watched lest the jewels and greenbacks should fall to the floor.

On the upper floor of the large building at the northeast corner of Monroe street and Wabash avenue, THE TRIBUNE delegate, in search of the novel and interesting, found what is probably the busiest spot of its area in all busy Chicago. Ranged in dense rows, so closely that their sewing-machines almost touch each other, are over 200 girls and young women at work to meet the demands of Field, Leiter & Co.'s huge cloak trade. Mr. Thayer, the gentleman in charge of this department, kindly initiated the journalistic visitor into some of the details of the immense business, showing how patiently developed and well-nigh perfect was the system by which this battalion of female operatives was kept successfully and happily at work. All of the goods come into the place raw material, and emerge handsome, stylish garments, admirably designed and perfectly made. Of course, with all the planning, cutting, basting, and stitching to be carried continuously forward in one great department, the methods of work must always be thoroughly exact, and the administrative ability of the person in charge must be of the first order. A very interesting example of the perfect care exercised in every detail was seen in the case of the sewing-machines. Here, in steady, satisfactory running condition, were seen some 200 machines of the Wheeler & Wilson new No. 8 pattern. About 150 of these were presented by Messrs. Field, Leiter & Co. to the work-women to replace the machines lost by the latter at the burning of the firm's great retail house. It was a very kindly act on the part of the firm, and was of itself a straw of goodly proportions, showing how the wind of their good-will to their employes always blows. Of course, with such a complete uniformity of standard sewing-machines, all the operatives using the same excellent make, the highest possible amount of work is obtainable. This fact, and the other features of the exact system prevailing here, accounts for the precision of work and cheapness of price with which the immense quantities of first-class cloaks, dresses, etc., are placed upon the market by Field, Leiter & Co.

Female archery didn't last long. After young ladies had broken pier-glasses, put out babies' eyes, and banged each other up in learning how to bend the bow, they quit the business.

NEW YORK.

FULL DRESS.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—I think I cannot give you a better idea of what would be appropriate for full dress than by describing a few of the most noticeable toilettes at the grand Cross and Crescent ball last night. It was the opening of the gay season, an occasion appealing to one's charity, and an affair patronized by our choicest people, hence a success in every way, and especially in that most interesting to the ladies,—viz., as a costume display. Most of the toilettes were ordered for the ball, and not a few boasted the added charm of a foreign birth. Princess dresses predominated by an overwhelming majority, and convinced the few doubtful ones of their immense superiority. One beautiful toilette of salmon-pink satin and ruby velvet attracted much notice. The Princess' robe of satin was cut low in the neck, and without sleeves. The skirt was perfectly plain, save for a deep flounce of Honiton lace around the bottom. This flounce, about a foot in depth, was headed by a handsome galoon of white and ruby chenille, thickly woven with seed pearls. A fall of similar lace trimmed the corsage, and the sleeves were also of lace. They reached a little below the elbow, and here were confined close to the arm by a band of the pearl galoon. From the shoulders attached to the edge of the corsage flowed the handsome square train of velvet. From beneath this appeared a flounce of lace visible about half its width, and resting upon a balayeuse of satin. The coiffure was adorned by a cluster of pink and crimson roses, and an exceedingly beautiful diamond spray.

A LOVELY TOILETTE

worn by a wonderfully fair blonde was of black satin and black tulle. The dress was, of course, a Princess, trimmed at the bottom by three plisses rather narrow in front, but widening as they reach the back, where they form a long, pointed train. A profusion of illusion, which had the effect of being sprinkled with diamond-dust, was indescribably draped and festooned over the dress. A fringe of fine gold thread edged the lower outlines of the drapery, and clusters of delicate gold berries and gilded fern-leaves are fastened at intervals among the folds. This was a beautiful dress, and won much admiration. In great contrast to its pleasing simplicity and daintiness was a gorgeous toilette of cherry silk, trimmed with two shades of pink. The dress itself consists of a long trained skirt and corsage of cherry color, while the garniture and drapery are of two shades of rose color. The skirt is trimmed in front with a deep knife-pleating, while the sides and back are ornamented by three gathered flounces, edged with a handsome silk fringe of cherry, and the two pinks. The over-dress is a pointed tablier of rose-color, with a pretty trailing floral design one or two shades deeper brocaded upon it. This is bordered by a row of the fringe which has a handsome heading. The corsage is trimmed with folds and pipings of brocade, and a fall of fringe.

A RICH AND PECULIAR TOILETTE

which was much remarked for its oriental appearance, was of rose-colored satin and dark green velvet. There is a long trained Princess of the former, made high in the neck and with long coat-sleeves. Over this is a Juive polonaise of the velvet cut low in the neck, and of course without sleeves. This garment is open underneath the arms, and all down the sides, and held together by slashings of velvet. Worn with this toilette was a set of truly magnificent pearls and emeralds. Five strands of pearls formed the necklace, and were caught together in the centre by a large emerald star. Strings of pearls were threaded through the puffs and curls of the elaborate coiffure, and a large star of emeralds lent additional effect. Strands of pearls fastened by the glowing green stars clasp the wrists, and complete this exquisite toilette, which was much admired. One of the most conspicuous dresses of the evening was of lemon-colored satin. Fine plisses of the same trimmed the skirt, and priceless point lace was arranged as drapery and further trimming. A deep flounce of it ornamented the skirt, and was headed by a row of clustered violets, natural flowers, whose exquisite odor added to the charm of the costume. Point lace overdress and corsage were also decorated with natural violets, and the elegance of the toilette was heightened by the superb diamonds worn with it.

One of the "queens of society" here in New York wore an exquisite importation of white satin completely covered with rich black lace. Garlands of scarlet roses mingled with foliage and buds were scattered with lavish prodigality over the skirt and bodice, and showed to great advantage against the dark-ground of black lace and glistening white satin. The wearer of this handsome toilette displayed one of the most costly diamond pieces in the Academy. It was an ornament worn in the hair, and consists of two large oak leaves, with a bunch of three drooping acorns. With every movement these acorns vibrated, sending out perfect sheets of light.

AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE TOILETTE,

worn by a debutante of last winter, was of that lovely shade of blue known as glace or ice-blue, mingled with pale blue tulle. The skirt with its long train was bordered at the foot by four narrow flounces laid in very fine side pleats. Two of these flounces are of silk, the alternating ones of tulle. The overdress of tulle consists of long broad scarfs, elaborately draped and bordered along the edge by a deep silver fringe. There is no heading to the fringe, and this need is supplied by a broad band formed of silvered fish scales, which are beautiful beyond all imagination. Clusters of silver sea-weed are used to fasten the loopings of the overdress. The bodice, of silk, is very long; in front it falls in a slender point, and in the back there are two of these. A row of fringe, with its handsome and unique heading, finishes the edge of the corsage. It is laced up the back by a silver cord, which is tied in several loops that with handsome silver tassels hang between the two points. A berthe pointed both front and back is formed of the silvered scales, and frames the pretty white shoulders exposed by the low-cut corsage. The sleeves are of tulle, and extend to just above the elbow. They consist of three puffs, separated by bands of scales. A fall of fringe edges the bottom of the sleeves. Sprays of silver sea-weed for the hair, a bouquet de corsage of the same, a dainty fan of blue satin, with silver sticks, and an exquisite set of pure silver filagree, completed this charming toilet.

It was to be remarked that, though many ladies were bare-necked, there were few indeed who left their arms uncovered. Modistes have at last succeeded in convincing a portion of their patrons that the arm, seen through a gauzy covering, gains much. Lace and illusion were extensively used thus last night, and with advantage. As a rule, New York belles are not renowned for the beauty of neck and arms, though there are, of course, many and admirable exceptions. These, however, as we all know, only "prove the rule." So it is really an important desideratum that some provision should be made for showing the arm only so far and so much as is best. It was noteworthy also last evening that

HIGH NECKS

were present in large numbers. One of the most elegant costumes was a long, square, trained Princess of salmon silk. The neck was cut in Pompadour style, and the sleeves after the handsome shape known as the Duchess sleeve. The trimming consists of rich, black lace, an overdress of the same, and a garniture of damask roses very deep in color. Many ladies wore gaiters made of pieces of their dresses, and the effect was very pleasing. Some of the younger ladies, those who danced, in particular, had gold or silver heels. When these matched the toilette they were very pretty, otherwise they looked a little outre. Gaiters were generally laced, but some were buttoned. A buttoned shoe so adds to the beauty of the foot that many ladies hate to lay them aside even to meet the claims of the conventional slipper. Many new and pretty devices are shown in ball slippers. Those having straps over the instep find much favor, and look extremely well. Not a few wore upon their slippers small branches of natural or artificial flowers. Sometimes this little bouquet rested in a nest of lace or of ribbon, sometimes it was worn alone. This is quite a pretty idea, and should be adopted. Wherever flowers can be worn let us put them. They are never inappropriate, are always lovely, and are ever "fashionable," if one needs that stamp upon them before venturing to wear them. I hope there are few, especially young ladies, who can resist the two-fold appeal of their beauty and fragrance. MATTIE S.

CURRENT GOSSIP.

THE AIR-CASTLE.

Work, work away, young creature fair,
By yonder lamp-light's quiet glare.
Those witching fingers, all day long,
Have plied intent, with time and song,
Nor scarcely do they seem to tire,
With tassel, tangled thread, or wire,
The tinted wheel, with golden foil,
The silver spangling on the coil,
The threads invisible, that bear
That castle dangling in the air,
Which with a breath weaves to and fro,
So grand a something, all aglow,
So glittering in the enchanted sight,
Like diamonds sparkling in the light.

Work, work away, young creature fair;
The days are short and Christmas near.
Joyful doth thy young heart rise,
While genius sparkles in thine eyes;
And smiles those ruby lips do curl,
As Christmas-pleasures round thee whirl,
So skillfully you frame with zest
The gifts for those you love the best.
"Big Brother" first shall be the one;
This gift shall grace his parlor-dome;
When, from his long and weary rides,
He homeward wends with aching sides—
Some patient, languishing in pain,
Weighs anxious on his weary brain:
When on his couch he has reclined,
Sweet rest of quiet home to find,
This castle shall be hanging there,
With gold and silver all aglare.
A joy shall be the gift to give—
A joy to him who shall receive.
Refreshed he'll lift those slumbering lids,
Enraptured gaze, such welcome bids.
"A thing of beauty is divine":
It lifts the heart, it lifts the mind.

Work, work away, young creature fair,
Thy smooth brow tells no furrowing care,
The castle thou hast framed so well,
With cunning hand and magic spell,
Befits thee now, with youth and hope,
In Life's fresh field, with gem-decked scope.
T'were sad to feel, and sad to know,
That all Life's hopes but come and go
Like airy castles, Fate doth tell,
With one rude blast, each castle fell.

CHARLOTTE C. WILDER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8, 1877.

VAN.

[Translated from a French journal, by Emma Stanley, for The Tribune.]

The advance of the Russian army in Armenia now brings to view a Pashalic in which the Lake and Fortress of Van are situated, but of which little has recently been known, excepting by a few explorers or adventurers. The city which gives its name to all the Pashalic has been rarely noticed since Moses of Chorene described its wonderful excavations, more or less architectural in their character, and the curious, wedge-shaped inscriptions on the rocks and on the perpendicular partitions of Nature within which form the citadel. This mass of rocks, almost a mountain of beautifully-veined limestone, detaches itself from the neighboring mountains of Turkey and Persia within a short distance of the Lake of Van,—the ancient Arsissa of Ptolemy,—and forms a peninsula in that direction. Its two extremities join the arch of walls joining a double inclosure of the city, which contains from 15,000 to 20,000 inhabitants, and which is very difficult of access, on account of its complicated system of fortifications, established in the fifteenth century by Soliman the Magnificent, whose Empire extended from Algiers to the Euphrates, and from the extremity of the Black Sea to the farthest limits of Greece and Epirus. Under his government the Turks attained their brightest glory, which was lost under his successors, who seldom appeared at the head of their armies. Seen in profile, the Fortress of Van strikes the imagination by its absolute isolation, and its frowning towers, minarets, and caserns, perished on its projecting rock. It forms a strange and fantastic sight, almost within the sombre shadows of Ararat. The City of Van was once the residence of the Kings of Assyria and Persia. Destroyed in the fourth century by the Sassanide Sapor, it was taken and retaken by the Byzantines, the Mongols, and other nations. Earthquakes, anarchy, revolutions, invasions, and epidemics, and all that is terrible, have not yet satisfied, and the sauker holds other bonds not yet sued on. Eleven years ago Anandji gave a bond for 25 rupees for a balance of shop account, and has since had a few necessaries, but no cash. Has given the sauker one field, eight bullocks, and four cows. Has executed successive bonds for 50, 100, 200, 300, 350 rupees, and is now said to owe 500 rupees. Ramji went security for Luximon for 8 rupees, the price of clothes bought by the latter, who paid 3 rupees and then left the village. The sauker coming down on Ramji, he was obliged, three years ago, to execute a bond for 22 rupees. Last year he was sued on this, and a decree passed for 56 rupees, inclusive of costs and interest. To avoid execution, has paid 22 rupees in cash and given a new bond for 45 rupees. Jan, an old widow, borrowed 150 rupees many years ago for the wedding of a son since dead. Thirteen years ago, for this debt she executed a mortgage bond for 300 rupees, and gave possession of her land, about forty acres, with a well. The sauker has had the entire product of the land ever since, and will neither restore the land or give an account. Twenty years ago Andu borrowed 17 rupees in cash and a maund of grain. Has paid at different times in liquidation 567 rupees, and has executed many bonds, two of which, for 875 rupees, are now outstanding. The inquiries of the Commission throw much light on the causes of this lamentable state of things. Foremost is the entire unscrupulousness of the money-lenders, acting on the necessities, ignorance and timidity of the peasants. The instrument by which the former is brought to bear on the latter is the civil courts. The reason why the courts act as so efficient an instrument for this purpose appears to be threefold. The procedure is such as to give the rich man every advantage over the poor one, the acute and unscrupulous over the ignorant, and to make it practically impossible for a peasant to contest successfully any claim that an unprincipled plaintiff may bring against him. The law gives the judgment creditor a lien, not only on crop and personal property, but on the implements of trade of the debtor; not only on his implements, but on his land; not only on his land, but on his person and labor; never relaxes his hold till he has paid the uttermost farthing of a debt constantly multiplying itself; and thus makes it profitable to advance money on security apparently inadequate. Their training and the system they administer make the overworked Judges themselves act as lawyers rather than justice; to look to returns rather than to results; to postpone to correct technical procedure the investigation of truth.

CAFES IN CAIRO.

London Examiner.

No greater contrast can be imagined than that between a European and a native cafe in Cairo. In the one there are the stereotyped waitresses, the chicory coffee, the absinthe, the gambling-saloon, and the inevitable band of Bohemian musicians of both sexes, with the equally inevitable little girl, whose childish naivete forms one of the great attractions. Here poor beer is dispensed to the tune of poor music from 7 p. m. to 1 or 2 a. m., till the fiddlers are ready to drop, the little girl spasmodically falls asleep and wakes by fits and starts, and the wearied audience lounge slowly home, wondering why on earth they waste seven or eight hours a day in such places, and yet return to them again like the needle to the north. From these haunts the traveler, of course, gains no idea of Oriental life. Nor is he any better off when his dragoman takes him to the purlie

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THE HUBBITES.

How They Enjoyed Their Second Day in Chicago.

A Visit to the Stock-Yards and the Packing-Houses.

Supplemented by a Tour Through a Dusty Elevator.

The gentlemen composing the Boston Commercial Club, visiting this city, saw something yesterday of Chicago and her great industries, which impressed upon them the fact that this city is the great metropolis of the West, and destined to become the great centre of internal commerce for the whole United States. The elevators, hog-killing, and live-stock interests in general, received attention yesterday. Fortunately for the Boston people, they came here during a delightful spell of weather, after a season of rain and general disagreeableness, and thus greater facilities have been afforded them to enjoy themselves and the hospitality tendered them by our representative citizens and merchants. Besides the Boston Commercial Club, there were with the party Charles P. Kellogg, J. W. Doane, Murry Nelson, George Clarke, H. J. McFarland, John B. Drake, Ald. McCauly, Judge Carey, Alderman from the Seventh Ward, A. C. Eddy, Judge Henry Strong, William T. Baker, Charles E. Culver, George Armour, William A. Havemeyer, Charles Fargo, Julian S. Rumsey, George C. Clarke, J. J. Janes, J. H. Durand, Gen. W. E. Strong, W. A. Fuller of Palmer, Fuller & Co., O. W. Potter, Leander McCormick, D. B. Fisk, F. F. Spencer, Henry Janes, C. R. Grannis, J. Stiles, James Sheehan, George L. Dunlap, N. K. Fairbank, Henry Sayrs, the Rev. Brooke Hereford, Edson Keith, Kelsey Reed, and A. A. Sprague.

As will be noticed by the the above list of well-known names, Chicago was represented by nearly every business which has a foothold in this city, and by its leading men. With such a company of solid business men, the Boston gentlemen could not help but feel that they had been met upon equal ground, and as more enjoyable, dignified, yet thoroughly social party could nor have been gotten together anywhere. It seemed as though every arrangement had been tested and perfected beforehand, and, therefore, everything passed off without the least mar or slightest annoyance. This, in a great measure, was due to the liberality of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and per own Committee of Arrangements, each member of which did his best to make their guests happy and comfortable. Messrs. Kellogg, Doane, McCauly, Nelson, McFarland, and Clarke seemed everywhere, and they always turned up at the right time.

THE START WAS MADE

from the Grand Pacific Hotel at 9:40 in the morning. Carriages were in waiting at the door, and the party was driven to the foot of Lake street, where a special train of three cars of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy cars was in waiting. They were of the Company's best, and there was plenty of room for everybody. Mr. J. M. Walker, General Solicitor of the road, had the guests in charge, and he was assisted by Frank Knight, Yard-Master, and J. Knapp, conductor, who had charge of the train. The guests had the cars under their full control, to go where they chose, and the engine was in charge of Frank Piesen, one of the best engineers on the line, who knows how to manage the throttle. At 10 o'clock precisely the train started southward, and about twenty minutes after was on a fiding at Armour, Dole & Co.'s elevator, Twentieth and Brown streets. This being the largest elevator in the State, the visitors were given a full opportunity of judging how quickly cars of grain can be loaded and unloaded in this city. The capacity of this grain-house is 1,750,000 bushels. Just as the party arrived a train of twenty empty cars pulled out, which had been unloaded, and in less than an hour as the visitors were within, a train of twenty cars loaded with wheat was backed in. There are twenty receiving-hoppers and twenty scales upon each of the tracks, and it took about three and a half minutes to unload all the cars. The visitors were carried to the top floor and shown the receiving and weighing hoppers, each of which held a car-load. They were also shown the modus operandi of changing bins to prevent heating, and also how grain was graded. This elevator is 138 feet high, and from the top a most excellent view of the city is obtainable. The Bostonians took this in, and they were charmed with the picture. The immense lumber piles surprised them all, and one enthusiastic gentleman remarked that there was lumber enough down there to shingle the whole creation. The various public buildings throughout the city were noted, and the West Side Pumping-Works pointed out and explained. The visit here was somewhat cowered the gentlemen with dust, but by 9:30 were very well satisfied with what they had seen, and again reiterated that Chicago never did anything by halves.

As Mr. Leander McCormick was along, the Bostonians could not do better than visit the famous mammoth reaping factory, and when the party left the elevator, they were taken to the reaper works. The train was sided and backed into the yard and alongside the freight-platform of the factory, so that the gentlemen had only to step down and out. The new reapers and mowers were shown the Bostonians, and they professed the greatest surprise at the mammoth proportions of the works. At present there are only about 800 hands employed. The manufacture of mowing and reaping-machines was shown in all its details, and the foundry and blacksmith-shop seemed to attract the greatest interest. Having seen this, and thanked Mr. McCormick for his courtesy, the party again boarded the train and

STEAMED FOR THE PACKING-HOUSES

of Messrs. Armour & Co., at the west side of the Stock-Yards. This time, also, the train was brought to the door and the party alighted. They went through the mammoth building, and finally landed on the top floor where the killing takes place. Though seemingly endless lines of carcasses the gentlemen wended their way until they came to the vats. They came at an unlucky hour, just as the boys were coming from dinner. Some of the hats chaffed the visitors with "look at all the big bugs," "Boys take care of your leather," etc. A packing-house where 5,000 hogs are killed daily was something new to the Bostonians. Killing and dressing twelve hogs a minute was something none of the visiting gentlemen had ever seen before. The hustle, bustle, and noise interested them greatly. "Why," said one of the gentlemen, "the hogs have hardly got through squealing before they are split and hung up as carcasses." All agreed that it was quick and good work, and that the beast suffered but little, and that the butcher and all connected with the business were remarkably expert, from the highest to the lowest. Some of the gentlemen examined minutely into the details of the packing business, and they were astounded at its great proportions. The quality of the pork also struck the gentlemen as being very superior to that raised in the East upon swill and under barns and in little pens. The making of sausages and sausage-casings they also took into, but, though the latter remarkably neat and clean, it spoiled their appetite for pork and beans and fried sausage for some time to come. The cooling-rooms, packing-rooms, and meat-cellars were all looked into, and the greatest satisfaction expressed at their cleanliness, and surprise at their mammoth proportions. When sight-seeing was concluded at Armour's, the party again boarded their train and were taken through the Stock-Yards by Conductor T. H. Gordon, of the Illinois Central Railroad. The cattle, hog, and sheep-pens all attracted their proportion of attention, and, finally, the train stopped at the Exchange. It was now nearly 2 o'clock, and President John B. Sherman and Secretary George T. Williams, of the Stock-Yards and Transit Company, took the visitors in charge. They were escorted to the Directors' room, where some fluid refreshments were in waiting, to which justice was done, a little stimulant just then being decidedly attractive and welcome. After the party had left Armour's packing-house, Mr. Kelsey Reed went through the train and furnished each gentleman with some of "Lubin's Jockey Club," to take off the effect of the Bridgeport stench, and this bit of thoughtfulness was gratefully appreciated by all.

THE STOCK-YARDS COMPANY

had prepared for the guests a lunch, and at 2:10 o'clock all were invited into the Exchange Restaurant to partake of it. The meal was something wholly unexpected,—that is, so far as its get-up was concerned. Exquisite taste had been displayed in the arrangement of native and tropical plants. Mr. F. G. Gloxon, the manager of the restaurant, is a lover of flowers, and this room is always filled with choice plants, but yesterday they were especially arranged for the occasion. To each guest's plate was a button-hole bouquet, and the whole arrangement was for an elegant banquet, rather than a simple, cold lunch. The steaks which Mr. Sherman, who runs the Transit House, served up were especially delicious, and the Boston gentlemen appreciated them fully. A keen appetite, of course, lent savor to the meal, and all were loud in their praises of the manner of serving. Champagne and claret were indulged in to a moderate extent, and everything passed off delightfully pleasant. Mr. Sherman said it was meet that the Stock-Yards people should treat the Boston visitors well, since, when the enterprise was started, Chicago people would have nothing to do with it, and he and John Hancock were the only Chicago stockholders. The Boston capital, which had created that vast stock-receiving place, and its capitalists were now receiving the benefit of it. The live-stock business of Chicago to-day is greater by several millions than the entire foreign trade of Boston.

The meal concluded. Mr. N. K. Fairbanks called the gentlemen to order. He said that it was customary to say grace before meals, but as there was no clergyman present this had been omitted. [In this he was mistaken as the Rev. Brooke Hereford was of the party.] But now that the repast was over it was not too late to say something. They had enjoyed one of the finest lunches, amid the most artistic arrangement of flowers, and he thought it was in order to thank Mr. Sherman, their host, for his kindness. [Applause]. He had also a kind word for Manager Gloxon, who, he understood, had a love for the beautiful, and it was to him that they were indebted for the floral arrangements. [Applause.] He had understood that there was one gentleman present who had complained that he had not had enough to eat. That gentleman was Mr. Candler, President of the Commercial Club, and President of the Boston Board of Trade, and he called upon that gentleman to answer for himself. This remark was received with applause.

Mr. Candler then arose, and said that man could not live by bread alone. He saw around him the evidences of good taste and prosperity. He enjoyed the spirit of this grand and open hospitality, and this still grander spirit of enterprise. He enjoyed the refined taste. He could say that while he enjoyed their good fellowship, he also enjoyed the enterprise of the people of Chicago. He could hardly understand that these Stock-Yards were only started eleven years ago, and had only been told so by Mr. Sherman a short time before. Business men

MUST LEARN BY EXPERIENCE

and observation, and when his companions would go from Chicago back to their homes in Boston they would carry this information with them, and they could speak of the enterprise of Chicago, which was not alone a credit to the United States of America, but the world. [Prolonged applause].

Cigars were then passed around, and the gentlemen again boarded the cars and sped to the city by way of Hyde Park and along the Illinois Central Railroad, arriving at Lake street about 4 o'clock, where carriages were again in waiting, which bore them back to the Grand Pacific Hotel. The members of the Commercial Club were then left to themselves until 8 o'clock this evening, when the Chicago Club tendered them a private reception at the beautiful Club-House on Monroe street opposite the Palmer House. The affair, although in full evening dress, was rather of an impromptu character, and the members of the two Clubs were given a chance to become acquainted with each other. A collation was served, but no other exercises took place.

This morning, by invitation, the Commercial Club will attend services at Unity Church and listen to a sermon by the Rev. Robert Collyer.

To-morrow there will be an excursion to Milwaukee, and the visitors will return to this city at 4 o'clock. At 7 to-morrow evening a complimentary banquet will be given at the Grand Pacific Hotel, and Tuesday morning the Club will leave for home.

Two Humble Heroes.

Paris Correspondence San Francisco Call.

France reckons two braves more. A fireman at Tarbes rushed among the blazing ruins of a house to save his Captain and a clergyman, who were buried beneath a floor in endeavoring to rescue the inmates. The fireman remained trying to extricate the Captain, but without avail, till the flesh peeled off his hands and face. He has died from his wounds, has been buried at the nation's expense, and for a month his name will be read out first on the roll-call of every regiment in the army. Jean Plantier is a pointsman, and a few months ago in endeavoring to close the gates of a crossing, he was struck down by a goods train and his arm amputated. Not a soul was within reach, and, aware that an express train was due, he tied up the bleeding stump and remained at his post of duty till a station-master, informed by the engine-driver that some accident had occurred, picked up the arm from the rail and succored the hero.

Uses of Telegraphic Cables.

As soon as cables are laid giving telegraphic connections between new points, an opportunity is afforded for determining the longitude of the stations. This is by far the simplest and most accurate method of determining longitudes that has ever been invented. All that is necessary is to have correct local time at each station, and to note the time accurately when the signals are sent. The difference of local times is practically the difference of longitude. There is a small loss of time in the transmission of the signals, but the error that this might occasion is entirely eliminated by sending signals both ways over the wire, and computing from a pair of signals. The submarine cables with the West India Islands have been recently employed for this purpose, and several longitudes of localities in Trinidad and Barbadoes ascertained. The longitude of the stations is thus determined within five yards, equal to the hundredth part of a second of time.

THE TRIBUNE BRANCH OFFICES.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE OUR NUMEROUS patrons throughout the city we have established Branch Offices in the different Divisions, as designated below, where advertisements will be taken for the same price as charged at the Main Office, and will be received until 8 o'clock p. m. during the week, and until 9 p. m. on Saturdays.

WILLIAM H. WINNING, Bookseller and Stationer, 154 Twenty-second-st., near Wabash-av.

S. M. WALDEN, Newsdealer, Stationer, etc., 1009 West Madison-st., near Western-av.

ROBERT THRUMSTON, West-Side News Depot, 1 Blue Island-av., corner of Halsted-st.

GEORGE HENRY, Books, Stationery, etc., 330 Division-st.

H. C. HERRICK, Jeweler, News-Dealer, and Fancy Goods, 720 Lake-st., corner Lincoln.

PERSONAL.

PERSONAL—"CHIMES OF NORMANDY," LAST Thursday evening, young lady in parquette, one of three gentlemen in same row, at opposite side, wishes acquaintance, and begs at least a reply to this. Address X 86, Tribune office.

PERSONAL—A GENTLEMAN OF MEANS, A stranger in the city, would like the acquaintance of some young lady who is fond of amusements, and would be willing to accompany him two or three evenings in the week. Address, in confidence, X 67, Tribune.

PERSONAL—WANTED—A LADY TO UNITE HER fortunes with a deserted middle-aged gent that is about to return to Texas with good prospects. W 63, Tribune office.

PERSONAL—A MIDDLE-AGED WIDOW OF REfinement wishes to make the acquaintance of some kind gentleman from 35 to 60, who would assist her. Address W 57, Tribune office.

PERSONAL—HENRY PAGE, CARD-WRITER, formerly Grand Pacific and Palmer House, will be at the Tremont until opening of Parker's Restaurant.

PERSONAL—LADY IN BUGGY WHO SPOKE TO gentleman. Please address W 71, Tribune office.

PERSONAL—A YOUNG LADY DESIRES THE ACquaintance of a middle-aged gentleman. Address X 75, Tribune office.

PERSONAL—PARTHENIA, BOTH LETTERS REceived. Chicago until Jan. 5.

PERSONAL—Mc: WHY SILENT? LET ME HEAR from you. MAY.

PERSONAL—FRIENDLESS, PLEASE APPOINT interview. Address X 57, Tribune office.

LOST AND FOUND.

IF THE PERSON WHO FOUND POCKETBOOK ON Tuesday, Dec. 4, with name Annie Putnam inside, will return the book with all other contents to Tribune office, they can keep the paper money, which will well reward them.

LOST—AT HYDE PARK HOUSE FIRE, A GOLD hunting-case watch and chain: $50 reward for return of same to HARRY MORGAN, Woodruff Hotel; no questions asked.

LOST—A DARK RED COW, WHITE FACE, THICK, stubby horns, white feet, and white under the stomach. A liberal reward will be paid for her return to J. LYNCH, No. 158 Canalport-av.

LOST—DEC. 10, LARGE NEWFOUNDLAND, black and brown mixed; toes on left foot and breast white. Return to rear of 432 West Adams-st. $5 reward.

LOST—DEC. 13, ON RANDOLPH-ST. CAR, POCket-book with $10 currency, some coin, two notes for $20 each, against J. A. Suits. Finder please leave at Receiver's office W. D. Ry., 80 Randolph-st. and receive reward.

LOST—TUESDAY LAST, A PAIR OF GOLD-RIMmed eye-glasses. Suitable reward if returned to owner, 1339 Indiana-av.

LOST—ON LAST TUESDAY, A LADY'S SLEEVE button, oval shape, open goldwork with pearl in centre. Reward will be paid for it at 359 East Chicago-av.

LOST—ON LAST THURSDAY, A PAIR OF GOLD spectacles, from 227 South Hoyne-st. to Lake, Leavitt, and Paulina-sts. Return to above number.

LOST—BUNCH KEYS, ON NORTH SIDE, PROBably on Chicago-av. Finder please leave at Tribune office, or send postal. Reward.

LOST—A ROLL OF BANK-BILLS, ABOUT $50, going from Monroe-st. to South Water-st. on South Clark-st., then on Clark-st. cars to Washington-st. A liberal reward will be paid on leaving it at 290 Clybourn-av. Mrs. JENNIE S. BURNS.

LOST—A BLACK-AND-TAN TERRIER; HAD ON a steel chain collar with name on; liberal reward given for his return. 800 Wabash-av.

LOST—POCKETBOOK CONTAINING ABOUT $50 and notes, etc. Liberal reward for return. T. J. O'NEILL, Rooms 9 and 10, 855 Wabash-av.

LOST—ON STATE-ST., GOING FROM MONROE to Van Buren-st., a pocket-book containing $20 in bills and $1 in change, and a 50-cent gold piece among the change; the finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at HORTON BROS., 168 Clark-st. It belongs to a poor woman, and it is all the money she has in the world.

LOST—A SETTER BITCH DOG, BLACK AND white, with some tan spots; had on a new collar and chain. A liberal reward will be given by returning said dog to J. H. CUMMINGS, Briggs House, corner Randolph-st. and Fifth-av. No questions asked.

LOST—A MINK BOA. THE FINDER WILL BE suitably rewarded by returning it to 220 Madison-st., up-stairs.

LOST—EITHER ON A BLUE ISLAND-AV. CAR OR at the Post-Office a pair of gold spectacles. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same to SMITH & MALAM'S, 274 Blue Island-av.

STRAYED—FROM J. S. COOPER'S STABLE, 2 East Monroe-st., Saturday, Dec. 8, a sorrel horse with tip of ear turned down. Finder will please return the same to the above address, or they will be liberally rewarded.

STRAYED—OR STOLEN—ON DEC. 10, A COW WITH white a line back, red and white sides, a cut on the left hip; $5 reward given to finder. 1113 West Madison-st. PAUL HAAG.

STOLEN—THE TALL GENTLEMAN WHO ENTICed the little boy away with him last evening from meat market on Fifth-av. will consult his own interest by returning him to his parents at 171 East Randolph.

$2 REWARD—FOR RETURN OF GOLD PEN AND pencil lost on Clark or State-sts. Friday, 14. BARTHOLOMEW, 123 North Market-st.

$50 REWARD—FOR INFORMATION IN REgard to, or for return of, an oil painting of Joseph and Potiphar's wife, with leopard skin in the foreground; size about 38x36 inches; stolen from the lake front during the great fire of 1871. CHAPIN & GORE, 73 and 75 Monroe-st.

$50 REWARD—FOR INFORMATION WHICH will enable us to find and secure, by execution, property to the amount of $1,000, hidden by Abraham Pollock, formerly doing business corner of Fourth-av. and Harrison-st., at present doing business under the name of Libby Pollock, 195 West Madison-st. All communications strictly confidential. CHAPIN & GORE, 73 and 75 Monroe-st.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED—FREE TO AGENTS AND PEDdlers on receipt of 25 cents (to pay for postage and packing), we send as a sample of our goods a beautiful ladies' set, consisting of veneered-back hair brush and dressing comb. Send postal for catalogue and prices. CHICAGO JOB-LOT COMPANY, Chicago.

AGENTS WANTED—TO SELL THE EUREKA CYLinder sad-iron; this is the best sad-iron on the market; its advantages over all others seen at a glance. Call or address 56 Franklin-st.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

FOR SALE—5,000 DOZEN MORTISE AND RIM locks and knobs at a bargain. An immense stock of hardware to close out cheap. A. W. WHEELER, 141 Lake-st.

FOR SALE—A LOT OF DRESSED LUMBER AT A bargain for cash. Address T 45, Tribune office.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY T. B. BOYD, ROOM 7, 179 MADison-st.

633 West Adams-st.; this is an elegant 2-story and basement octagon brick dwelling, with every modern finish, fine brick barn, lot 25x180, south front, between Paulina and Wood-sts. The surroundings are first-class. I am going to sell it, or will take some good trade in part pay. It will go at a bargain, so call at once.

$2,000 each—2 2-story and basement brick dwellings, and lots 28x126 (choice), on Irving-place; No. 446 and 448; $1,000 down; balance long time. One block of street-cars, near Taylor-st.

$3,200—11-room 2-story and basement modern brick dwelling, and lot 22x125, on Washington-st., between Wood and Lincoln-sts.; $1,300; balance long time at 7 per cent.

$4,000—New 11-room brick dwelling, and lot 25x180, with good barn, east front, No. 273 Vernon-av; $1,000 down; balance easy payments.

$3,000—$1,000 down; 9-room dwelling, with furnace, hot and cold baths, etc.; lot 25x125, on Prairie-av., north of Thirty-fifth-st. This is one of the best-finished houses of the kind on the street, and is certainly a great bargain.

$2,600—Good 7-room dwelling, and lot 24x125, on Sedgwick-st., near Oak. Terms easy.

$2,200—2-story dwelling, 10 rooms (first-class house), and lot 24x125, on Brown-st., near Fifth.

$1,200—Splendid 2-story frame dwelling, 13 rooms, and lot 25x125, on Dearborn-st., within one block of Rock Island car-shops. House cost $2,000.

$4,500—A splendid new octagon stone-front and lot on Monroe-st., near Robey.

$900 each—2 nice lots within one block of street-cars, 24x126 on Irving place, between Harrison and Polk-sts. Half down.

$3,100—Here is a splendid lot, 25x160 feet to alley, good frame dwelling, 10 rooms, on Monroe-st., east of Halsted. This is the cheapest property now offered in Chicago.

$1,800—A splendid 7-room cottage, barn, and lot, 30x125, south front, on Walnut-st., near Robey; all clear, and title perfect; $800; balance in monthly payments. It is worth $3,000.

$100 per foot—Lots 52x150, on corner Halsted and Mather-sts.

$3,000—First-class business lot, south front, on Washington-st., between Fifth-av. and Franklin-st. It was sold for $800 per foot three years ago.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—TWO 2-STORY AND basement brick house on Lake-av., near Thirty-ninth-st.

2-story frame and brick basement house on West Jackson-st., near Paulina.

1½-story cottage with 2 lots on Englewood; 6 rooms and bath-room.

1,400 acres land in Wayne and Cedar Counties, Nebraska; very cheap.

Several lots near Central Park Station, at very low prices.

23 lots opposite Central Park, on Lake and Fulton-sts. and Washington-av., at one-half price, to close out an estate.

No. 162 Washington-st., Room 20.

FOR SALE—A GREAT BARGAIN—ELEGANT residence, 2 stories and basement, stone front, excellent location, South Side, $4,750.

A good frame residence, with lot 50 feet front, on Indiana-av. north of Twenty-second-st., for less than value of the ground.

Frame house with lot on Butterfield-st., north of Thirtieth-st., very cheap. Also one on Dearborn-st.

A large number of all kinds of residences in each division of the city at very low prices. Call and examine our list.

60x80 on Franklin-st., near Lake, very cheap; excellent for manufacturing purposes. WALLER BROS., 99 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—GREAT SACRIFICE—A GOOD HOUSE and lot; choice location, North Side; pays more than 10 per cent rental on price asked. Address S 62, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—ON NORTH LASALLE-ST., NORTH of Schiller, 46 feet front by 150 deep, at $125 per foot. Address or apply at 127 Vincennes-av.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT OPPOSITE ALDINE Square, very cheap. Address R 96, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—$200 BUYS COTTAGE and lot handy to cars. Inquire in the rear of 35 Finnell-st., or 65 Market-st.

FOR SALE—BUSINESS BUILDINGS AND BLOCKS from $40,000 to $400,000. Also choice residences in all parts of the city and suburbs. ULRICH & BARNES, 99 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—THE NICE TWO-STORY AND BASEment swell-front brick house 1581 Indiana-av.; has brick barn, nice furniture, etc. Will sell at a great bargain if taken immediately. GEO. A. EMERY, 146 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—50 FEET ON WABASH-AV., NEAR Van Buren-st.; must be sold, and can be had cheap. A. J. AVERELL, 127 Dearborn-st., Room 5.

FOR SALE—GREATEST BARGAIN EVER OFfered, less than half cost, one of the nicest residences on the North Side. Only $12,125, with first-class improvements, on Cleveland Park with east front. Inquire at 15 Hammond-st.

FOR SALE—NINE-ROOM BRICK HOUSE CHEAP on West Adams-st., west of Ashland-av.; will take part of equity in South Side property. Principals need apply. Address owner, V 16, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—$41122 IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER of Wentworth and Egan-avs., including two frame buildings; the corner is a store, containing 17 rooms, besides liquor store; 23x37¼; second building, containing 12 rooms, is to be the terminus of city and Englewood Railway Company. For particulars apply on premises.

FOR SALE—OR RENT—TWO-STORY AND BASEment house, 861 West Jackson-st. Inquire on premises.

FOR SALE—A LOT ON MILWAUKEE-AV., NEAR California-av. Address G. M. GAGE, 143 Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—I AM OFFERING AT ENGLEWOOD, on terms to suit, the best homes in Cook County, for the price ($1,500 to $3,000); will also exchange Kansas farms for property in this vicinity, or improved Illinois or Wisconsin farms. Apply in person or by mail to H. B. LEWIS, Englewood.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—A VERY PLEASANT residence in the West Division, situated on a nicely improved street, No. 186 Dearborn-st., for exchanged for other good improved or unimproved Chicago property. Apply to WASMANSDORF & HEINEMAN, 165 Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—BY J. H. KEELER, 163 CLARK-ST.: Butterfield-st., near Thirty-second, good 2-story house, 11 rooms, and lot, only $2,200.

Dearborn-st., near Polk, good lot, $2,800.

Fourteenth-st., near Blue Island-av., brick house, and lot, only $2,500.

Indiana-av., marble-front houses, $5,000.

FOR SALE—MODERN 10-ROOM BRICK HOUSES, $2,500, $2,600, $3,000; others $1,500, $1,000. Street cars. Easy payments. JOHN F. EBERHART, 107 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY:

Monroe-st., very choice, per foot	$ 100
Adams-st., fine brick, 10-room houses worth	103
Washington-st., extra fine, per foot	110
Madison-st., bargain, per foot	108
Madison-st., 23x123 and house	2,750
Jackson-st., extra corner, 50x125, per foot	100

We have many rare chances to offer to those who desire to make their money fly.

H. OSBORN & SON, 128 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—RARE OPPORTUNITY—A VERY choice and extra desirable residence lot; first-class locality. West Side, as a great portion of certain sales surrounding. Address X 38, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—STYLISH 2-STORY STONE HOUSE, choice location, South Side, $6,000, worth $8,500. Also, 2-story frame, with good lot, on Green-st., $3,000, rents $30; bargain. E. C. WARE, 5 Methodist Block.

FOR SALE—TO SAVE FORECLOSURE—WASHington-st. lot, near Union Park, at best I can get. Address T 76, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—NEW 2-STORY AND BASEMENT octagon brick house, all modern improvements, first-class location; near street-cars; price, $2,400. Apply to WM. H. WINNING, 154 Main floor, 144 LaSalle.

FOR SALE—AN EXCEEDINGLY CHOICE $10,000 cash—Block first-class stone-front buildings; rented for $5,000; best location in Chicago. T 71, Tribune.

FOR SALE—EXCEEDINGLY CHEAP—10 BRICK houses; good central location; rented; will exchange. 116 East Washington-st., Room 9 Exchange Building.

FOR SALE—THE BOSS LOT 30X188 FEET, EAST and south front on Michigan-av., near and south of Twenty-ninth-st.; last chance; must be sold within three days to prevent foreclosure; best offer will take it. Apply at Room 72 Metropolitan Block.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—AT LARGE SACRIfice—Stone-front business block 50x75 feet, 3-story and basement, worth $28,000; rents at 10 per cent of price asked; will take the best offer it will bring. Apply at Room 72 Metropolitan Block.

FOR SALE—HOUSES—EASY TERMS—MODERN improvements:

$3,000—3-story and cellar brick.
$3,000—2-story and basement octagon-front (corner).
$4,000—2-story and cellar marble-front.
J. C. MAGILL, 94 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—BY D. P. NEWELL, 188 WEST MADIson-st.:

408 West Jackson-st.
694 West Madison-st.
983 Clarke-st.
1035 West Madison-st.
614 West Washington-st.
293 West Randolph-st.

And other good improved and unimproved pieces of property for sale at panic prices.

FOR SALE—OCTAGON STONE-FRONT HOUSE, Fifteenth-st., Norris Sale, Tribune office; can easy; will take good lot in part payment. S. A. FRENCH, 95 Fifth-av., Room 13.

FOR SALE—GOOD TWO-STORY HOUSE AND barn, lot 50x125, on Van Buren-st., corner Hermitage-av.; part trade. GOULD, 12 McCormick Block.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, TWO LOTS, SOUTHWEST corner Taylor and Cypress-sts., near Ogden-av. Corner lot, $830; lot adjoining, $600; one-third cash, balance, two years. Address Z 25, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—AT ONE-THIRD ITS REAL VALUE, handsome frame, brick basement residence; Cottage Grove, near cars; small cash payment. V 58, Tribune.

FOR SALE—THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL A lot in South Chicago for half what it is worth. Reason for selling, going to leave the city. Call or address 362 West Madison-st. PETERSON.

FOR SALE—$4,000—RARE BARGAIN, $500 DOWN, balance easy terms, elegant two-story and basement cottage, with two-story rear, nearly new and finely finished; has every modern improvement, 5 marble mantels, sewerage, gas, water, etc.; trees in front; street has Nicholson pavement. This property is worth $7,000; offered at this figure to insure immediate sale. Apply at 387 Cottage Grove-av.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—$200 PER ACRE—HERE IS A FIRSTclass little farm of 25 acres, only one hour's ride of the heart of the city, well improved, all under fence and cultivation. It lays right on one of our western boulevards this side of Jefferson. Will take house and lot, clear, in part payment.

$2,500—Cash—This is one of the best farms in Woodbury County, Ia. Good framed dwelling, barns, and sheds, all fenced and under cultivation; soil 8 feet deep; 2½ miles of depot; no fooling, but call and buy it; is worth $40 per acre, and you will say so; no trade.

$25 per acre—640-acre farm; 3 miles from depot in McHenry County, Ill.; 2 hours' ride from Chicago; large framed dwelling, 10 rooms; barn 60x100, one 40x90; 2 goods orchards, running water, 100 acres of the best of timber, balance under first-class cultivation; $5,000 down, balance long time; no trade. Where can them do better? Better in the State? T. B. BOYD, Room 7, 179 Madison-st.

FOR SALE—TO THE RIGHT PARTIES—20,000 front feet of the best lots in Hinsdale, on ten years' time, at 8 per cent interest. Any reasonable offer will be given, and a clear title. A fine large farm in the South or the Southwest would be taken in part pay. Address the owner, O. J. STOUGH, 123 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT, one of our "Boss" $100 lots; only 2½ miles out; 1 block from depot, school, and church; fine improvements; 8 cents per foot cash; $15 down, $5 monthly; land on a Government bond and sure to advance rapidly in value. STORRS & CO., 94 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—HOUSE AND LOT. best in La Grange; want farm. GUST A. JOHNSON, La Grange, Cook County, Ill.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—OR EXCHANGE—1 acre property half mile northwest of limits. W. F. O'BRIEN, 63 North Wells-st.

FOR SALE—5 ACRES CORNER FULLERTON-AV. and Central-av., $2,000; $500 down, balance five years. J. G. EARLE, Room 30, 116 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—IN LAKE VIEW, LOT 82X200 FRONTing on good improved street, with lake water and shade trees; will be sold cheap and on easy terms if taken soon. P. O. Box 29, city.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—RENT—OR EXCHANGE—CHOICE residence property, houses and lots, at Summerdale; lake water; 7c fare. H. GREEN, southeast corner Monroe and Market-sts.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY J. H. KEELER, 163 CLARK-ST.: 280-acre farm 15 miles south of city or for good city property.

Several small farms not far from city.

Finest residence in Quincy, Ills., with 25 acres, cash $30,000; will sell at great sacrifice; might take a small piece of city property in part pay.

Fine improved and unimproved lands five miles from Quincy, Fla.; best agricultural part of the State. $2.50 to $10 per acre. 10 80, 160, 240, or 480 acre lots prefer actual settlers; finest climate in America.

These lands are ready for even next month.

FOR SALE—CHEAP HOMES IN KANSAS—I HAVE taken an interest in the cheap lands of Trego County, Kan., believing that they offer greater inducements to actual settlers than any other portion of the country visited by me during the fall. I expect to take another trip there about the 9th of January, and want those of my friends who want to secure cheap homes to go with me. Call and see me or send postal for pamphlet, giving full information. O. C. GIBBS, 108 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—AN ELEGANT FARM 16 miles west of Chicago and 1½ miles from Elmhurst village; 100 acres under cultivation, 10 acres wood; about 300 bearing fruit-trees; large house and barn, good spring-well, and all farming implements; easy terms. Address MILLER & WEBER, 46 North Clark-st.

FOR SALE—13,440 ACRES OF GOOD LAND IN Texas, at only 20 cents an acre, some of it worth $3 an acre; title perfect. GARNETT & THOMASSON, 125 Dearborn-st., Room 13.

FOR SALE—FARM OF 320 ACRES, HARDIN County, Ia., good improvements, good corn and wheat land, including $1,500 worth of tools and teams; $2,000 cash, balance to suit purchaser. Also farm of 80 acres and 10 years at 8 per cent. Address V 11, Tribune.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—SELECTED LAND IN BUTler County, Kan.; will sell one or three quarters; must have money. P 16, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—STRICTLY CHOICE FARMS IN ILLInois, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. Cheap and easy terms. H. WHIPPLE, 14 Methodist Church Block.

FOR SALE—A FINE RESIDENCE AND 10 ACRES set in fruit and ornamental trees in the city of Janesville, Wis. Also 60 acres adjoining. If wanted; payments to suit. D. W. ELDRED, 147 Randolph-st., Room 9.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—TWO GOOD FARMS of 80 acres within 60 miles of Chicago. T. J. BOLENDER, Room 6, 107 South Clark-st.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

WANTED—AN ILLINOIS OR IOWA FORM (OR choice unimproved) for all cash down; send section, town, range, and price, to O 55, Tribune office.

WANTED—RESIDENCE LOT IN VICINITY OF Drexel and Oakwood boulevards and Oakland Station; give size, location, and lowest cash price. Address V 38, Tribune office.

WANTED—LOT ON THE WEST SIDE, NEAR cars, for $700 cash; give location. Address X 6, Tribune office.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

Bookkeepers, Clerks, &c.

WANTED—AN ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER AND correspondents must be a good penman; wages $30 a month. Address by letter, T, 106 South Water.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS DOUBLE-ENTRY bookkeeper; must be quick, correct, write a fine hand, willing to work very reasonably; must produce undoubted references as to character and ability. Address X 9, Tribune office.

WANTED—BOOT AND SHOE SALESMAN ACquainted with city and country trade; good chance to right person. 125 State-st., Room 14, Monday forenoon.

WANTED—A MAN FOR OFFICE WORK WHO can command a small cash capital. Apply or address 169 LaSalle-st., Office 14.

WANTED—AN A NO. 1 BOOKKEEPER FOR AN extensive wholesale house. Address, with references and salary wanted, X 45, Tribune office.

WANTED—A RELIABLE CREDIT SALESMAN to solicit orders. LONE STAR SHIRT CO., 188 Dearborn-st., near Post-Office.

WANTED—CLERKS, BOOKKEEPERS, ETC.; ALL first-class situations obtained. Apply or address with stamp the PATHFINDER, 125 South Clark-st., Room 29.

WANTED—CLERK FOR OFFICE WORK, COPYing, etc.; must be good penman; shorthand writer preferred. Address X 29, Tribune office.

WANTED—A YOUNG MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS the grocery business and speaks German; none other need apply; reference required. 112 West Madison.

WANTED—MEN—WE WANT ONE CANVASSER in every county; $30 per week and expenses; steady work; one year. International Publishing Company, 136 Madison-st.

WANTED—AGENTS—BEST BUSINESS IN THE United States. Call and we will convince you. International Publishing Company, 136 Madison-st.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN ABOUT 26 YEARS OF age for office work; salary small. Address in own handwriting, stating salary expected, W 66, Tribune office.

WANTED—A SHORTHAND WRITER, FIRSTclass penman, correspondent, at moderate wages. Address X 52, Tribune office.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED ENTRY CLERK. One conversant with bookkeeping preferred. Apply before 9 Monday to M. ERONBERG, 89 and 91 Market-st.

WANTED—A SALESMAN IN FANCY DRY goods. Apply Monday at 8 a. m. RANNEY & LEACH, 133 Twenty-second-st.

Trades.

WANTED—COMPOSITORS AND AGENTS—ACtive and energetic parties, having a knowledge of printing and the newspaper business, to act as traveling agents on commission, can find an opportunity to make fair pay by personal application at 175 Monroe-st. Also a good general female compositors wanted. S. P. ROUNDS, 175 East Monroe-st., near LaSalle.

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WANTED—AGENTS—$50 PER WEEK, EXPENSES paid, and steady work for three years to the right kind, either male or female; during the week and closed, we will send out one or more 200 chromos and over 1,400 frames, so you can readily imagine the extent of business transacted by the agents of "Christian Voices of Peace and Good Will Journal of Missions." Besides publishing these two papers, we are proprietors of the "Chicago Chromo and Frame Co." and during the past week sent out the "International Chromo Co.," of 137 Madison-st.; with this stock added to our already large stock, we now have the greatest variety of chromos for sale in any city. Whether you wish to act as our agent or not we would be pleased to have you call and look through our immense stock of chromos. We will soon establish a business that may be the means of making you rich; our new catalogue will be ready this week. Get one if you possibly can; or call and see us. CHRISTIAN M. W. KELLY & CO., 198, 201, and 203 Randolph-st.

WANTED—MEN TO TAKE AGENTS' GUIDE, a monthly; gives general information and instructions, how to do business; sample copy, three months, 10 cents. JAMES P. SCOTT, 69 Dearborn-st.

WANTED—RELIABLE, ACTIVE AGENTS TO canvass this city and country towns in the UNITED STATES for a new practical and useful household article; sells on sight; pays a liberal inducement to agents everywhere. Samples sent to the country on receipt of price. CARTER & STEWART, 230 West Washington-st., Chicago.

WANTED—I HAVE AN INVENTION WITH patent applied for, a neat little medium for advertising, and want a good man to canvass the city. To the right party can make more than a salary. Address I 40, Tribune office.

WANTED — COMPETENT TRAVELERS FOR overalls and clothing. Must command a good jobbing trade; none others need apply. Address WILLIAM TEREEDMAN, 27 Washington-st.

WANTED—IN A LAW-OFFICE, A GOOD PENman to copy papers, etc. Address T 9, Tribune office, giving specimen of writing and stating lowest terms.

WANTED—CANVASSERS—WHO HAVE SOLD bound books can make a larger commission, and handle a better book than ever before. A. S. HOLMES & CO., 148 Dearborn-st., Room 6 and 7.

WANTED—TWO STEADY, RELIABLE YOUNG men; city employment. Apply at or address Chicago Employment Bureau, 189 South Clark-st., Room 7.

WANTED—A GOOD HONEST BOY ABOUT 14 TO 15 years old. Inquire at 155 West Madison-st.

WANTED—FOUR BOYS LIVING ON THE WEST Side, and recommended. BERRY'S, 287 West Madison-st.

WANTED—4 GENTLEMEN TO ACT AS GENERAL agents for the sale of Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin; also, 7 men to work in city. 90 Madison-st., Room 5. GEO. W. EAGLE.

WANTED—IF YOU WANT TO MAKE MONEY call and see me with little capital call at 210 LaSalle-st., Room 39.

WANTED—MAN AND WIFE TO LIVE OVER carriage-house and do stable work morning and evening; must be sober. Warren-av.

WANTED—SOME CASH-BOYS. CALL THIS (SUNday) morning at 10 a. m., at 183 East Madison-st., up-stairs.

WANTED—EARLY MONDAY MORNING, 25 brick teams at any yards on Wood-st., south of Blue Island-av., at Brick and Sand Court-House. P. J. SEXTON, Contractor.

WANTED—AN ACTIVE, INTELLIGENT LAD 16 to 18 years of age quick and accurate at figures; one who can write with his parents preferred. Address, in own hand writing, X 19, Tribune office.

WANTED—A FEW ENERGETIC MEN OF GOOD address can find steady employment on application to D. B. LANE & CO., 105 Fifth-av., Room 4.

WANTED—TWO GOOD AGENTS TO SELL BOOKS, etc., by installments; no capital, but references required. Room 4, 285 Madison-st.

WANTED—MALE AND FEMALE VARIETY theatrical artists, also young ladies to sing in variety theatre. Apply at 59 and 61 FIFTH, Dramatic Agent, Room 7, 121 Lasalle-st.

WANTED—MEN LOOKING FOR PERMANENT business call or address, with stamp, Franklin Agency, 167 East Madison-st., Room 4.

WANTED—MEN OF GOOD ADDRESS WILL FIND employment by calling on BURROWS & GAW, Room 14, 126 South Dearborn-st.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN WHO THOROUGHLY understands the Singer machine, and could do some office work. Address, stating experience, age, and salary, T 97, Tribune office.

WANTED—ONE MAN IN CHICAGO AND ONE IN each Western and Southern city to sell the Kurtz Self-Lighting Gas-Burner. Address, or apply at store, 76 Madison-st., L. F. THRALL.

WANTED—SHAVERS, SCRAPERS, AND LABORers at packing-houses of Chicago Packing & Provision Company, Union Stock-Yards.

WANTED—A FEW GOOD MEN ON THE BEST Catholic books published. Sells on installments. Salary or commission. Room 3, 204 South Clark-st.

WANTED—TO STREET SALESMEN — A FEW first-class salesmen to sell an entirely new holiday present for children; none but good men need apply. Room 4, 125 Lasalle-st.

WANTED—MEN TO SELL OUR NEW PENholders, pipes, chromos, Alphabet pockets, Christmas and New-Year cards, chromos and frames, lines assortment and lowest prices guaranteed. Catalogue free. American Novelty Co., 186 State-st.

WANTED—MEN ON THE ROAD TO TAKE along a profitable household line; pays over way; also local agents. 13 South Canal-st.

WANTED—STREET MEN AND CANVASSERS; a new article just out. 199 South Clark-st., Room 27.

WANTED—100 COAL-MINERS FOR TERRE Haute, Ind. Inquire at HARD, YOCKLER & CO.'S, 79 North Wells-st.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

Miscellaneous—Continued.

WANTED—MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE for a business that pays $5 to $10 per day. An agent writes: "I have canvassed sixteen years, but never sold an article that brought the cash as readily as yours." Will send $1 samples for 50c and allow $1 on first order, experience unnecessary. Address, with stamp, B. RAY & CO., 61 LaSalle-st., Room 5.

WANTED—THREE ACTIVE MEN OF GOOD ADdress to sell coal at retail. Apply at yard, corner Curtis and Carroll-sts.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS SALESMAN, ONE thoroughly acquainted with the retail grocery and feed trade of the city; must be willing to work on a fair salary and furnish the best of references. V 32, Tribune office.

WANTED—THREE OR FOUR ACTIVE BOYS TO sell goods; must be prepared to give security for goods taken; big money can be made. Address V 68, Tribune office.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

Domestics.

WANTED—A GERMAN GIRL TO DO GENERAL housework. 471 Loomis-st.

WANTED — EXPERIENCED GERMAN OR Swede for general housework immediately. 1816 Wabash-av.

WANTED—AT 1205 MICHIGAN-AV., A COMpetent girl to cook, wash, and iron. No Irish.

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL TO DO GENERAL housework by a family of four; no children. No. 983 West Adams-st.

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL TO DO GENERAL housework; German or Norwegian. Good reference required. 112 Loomis-st.

WANTED—A FRENCH OR ENGLISH COOK AND housekeeper for two gentlemen; middle-aged woman preferred. W 7, Tribune office.

WANTED—A YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST IN housework. Apply at 507 North Dearborn-st.

WANTED—A GERMAN OR NORWEGIAN GIRL to do general housework. Apply at 708 Walnut-st.

WANTED—AT 55 UNION PARK PLACE, A GOOD stout woman to cook, wash, and iron.

WANTED—A COMPETENT GIRL FOR GENERAL housework in a private family; wages $4 per week; references required; no Irish need apply. Call Monday at 14 Ellis Park.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK; small family. Apply at 541 Division-st.

WANTED—A GOOD COOK, WASHER, AND ironer; German or Scandinavian, at 634 West Monroe-st.

WANTED—GOOD SWEDISH OR GERMAN GIRL to do general housework. 1257 Michigan-av.

WANTED—A GERMAN OR AMERICAN GIRL TO do general housework in a family of two; references required. Apply at 92 Thirtieth-st.

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL, ABOUT 13 OR 14 years old, to do light work about house. Apply at 163 Twenty-fourth-st. No Irish wanted.

WANTED—AT 1810 WABASH-AV. A GOOD GIRL for general housework in a small family; must come well recommended. Call Sunday afternoon.

WANTED—A GERMAN OR AMERICAN GIRL TO work for her board in a small family in the country for the winter; no washing. Call after to-day at Room 14, 114 Dearborn-st.

WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEwork. 1 Ogden-av., corner of Thirty-ninth-st.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK, small private family; happy home for good girl. Call with references at 302 Irving-place.

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEwork to go into the country. Call to-day 204 South Jefferson-st.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS COOK; ONE THAT understands order and oyster cooking; must be quick and neat; no others need apply; steady situation given. 141 Michigan-av.

WANTED—SMART YOUNG WOMAN TO DO GENeral housework on a suburban farm; wages, $3; family small. Apply Monday at 18 South Peoria-st.

WANTED—AT 105 DEARBORN-AV., A FIRST-class dining-room girl.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK; small family; wages, $2.50. 235 Hurlbut-st.

WANTED—A COMPETENT SECOND GIRL; MUST bring references. Call at 59 Rush-st.

WANTED—BOARD FROM $2 TO $2.50 A WEEK, and assistance to girls and women in obtaining employment by the Good Samaritan Society, 173 East Randolph-st.

WANTED—GERMAN OR NORWEGIAN GIRL, for general housework; family small. Apply today at 145 Western-av., near Madison-st.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK, good cook; no Irish; Monday. 239 Park-av.

WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK in a small family. Good wages. Call at 1102 Wabash-av.

WANTED—A GERMAN COOK, WASHER, AND ironer; references required. Apply Monday at 233 Michigan-av.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED HOTEL DINING-room girl. Apply at the Irving House, 218 Washington-st.

WANTED—AMERICAN, GERMAN, OR SCANdinavian girl, between 13 and 15 years of age, to help take care of two children; come prepared to stay; wages, $1. 900 West Jackson-st.

WANTED—A GIRL TO ASSIST IN GENERAL housework in small family, at 883 West Adams-st.; wages, $2. No Irish.

Seamstresses.

WANTED—A GOOD SEWING-GIRL AT MISS M. L. GLEASON'S, 500 South Jefferson-st. Call early Monday morning.

WANTED—A FEW EXTRA GOOD DRESSMAKers. Call Monday morning at 418 West Washington-st. Mrs. HADIE HOLLAND.

WANTED—TEN WOMEN PANT MAKERS; NONE but those competent of doing fine work need apply. 141 South Halsted-st., up stairs.

WANTED—TEN GOOD DRESSMAKERS; NEED not apply unless steady work and prompt wages. No. 485 South Clark-st.

WANTED—A TAILORESS; MUST HAVE BEST of references. Call, before 11 Monday, at 804 Indiana-av.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED SHIRT MAKERS; steady work and good pay. 427 West Madison-st.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED DRESSMAKER; must be a neat finisher. Apply immediately at 21 North Halsted-st.

WANTED—2 FIRST-CLASS DRESSMAKERS. 733 Wabash-av.

Nurses.

WANTED—A COMPETENT CHILDREN'S NURSE at 887 Indiana-av. Applications with good references at residence only solicited.

WANTED—A GIRL ABOUT 15 YEARS OLD, TO take care of children and do second work; must have good references. Apply at 963 West Monroe-st.

WANTED—A GERMAN GIRL TO TAKE CARE of children, sew, and do chamber work. Reference required. Apply Monday at 292 East Indiana-st.

WANTED—A NURSE; ONE THAT IS CAPABLE of taking full charge of an infant. Such a person can find a good home by applying at 378 Wabash-av.

WANTED—A TIDY GIRL ABOUT 14 YEARS OLD to assist in nursing; must have good character; no children; must come recommended. Apply at once at 344 West Washington-st.

WANTED—SMART OLD LADY FOR THE CARE of two children; pay, $2 per month and a good home. 1107 Carroll-av., Union Park.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS YOUNG GIRL TO aid in taking care of children. Must give good reference. 813 West Washington-st.

Housekeepers.

WANTED—HOUSEKEEPER FOR GENERAL work in town 40 miles from Chicago for family of three; good home to the right party. Apply to-day only at 183 South Green-st., in basement.

Laundresses.

WANTED—10 FIRST-CLASS IRONERS AT 152 East Chicago-av., in laundry. Call to-day.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS; ALSO shirt and collar ironer, at South Side Laundry, 703 Blue Island-av.

WANTED—A LAUNDRESS—A WOMAN COMPEtent to take charge of the Burdick House laundry. Apply at the office Monday.

WANTED—4 FIRST-CLASS SHIRT-IRONERS. Call to-day at 109 South Halsted-st., "Home" Laundry.

Miscellaneous.

WANTED—A MODEST INTELLIGENT YOUNG lady, married or single, desiring to do office work to-day, evening, or fair pay, can address in confidence G 74, Tribune office.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED LADY CLERK IN a confectionery store for a few weeks. Apply to KNEAGY BROS., 172 Twenty-second-st., city.

WANTED—A FEW LADIES TO SELL A BEAUTIful new holiday article. Apply at once to Room 8, 93 Washington-st.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED LADY PROOFreader. Call Monday morning. RAND, M'NALLY & CO.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED FOLDERS — APPLY Monday morning to the Interior, Room 60 McCormick Block.

WANTED—IMMEDIATELY, 15 EXPERIENCED lady clerks for one week at the Boston Store, 118 and 120 State-st.

WANTED—YOUNG LADY TO DO HAIR WORK. Call from 10 to 1 at 259 South Desplaines-st.

WANTED—TWO SMART, INTELLIGENT YOUNG ladies to engage in light and respectable employment; all expenses guaranteed; references required. J. E. SIMMONS, 118 East Randolph-st., Room 1.

WANTED—A YOUNG, RUGGED GIRL, PARTIALly experienced in setting type, and to do light housework. Call at 209 East Randolph-st.

WANTED—LADIES, I WILL TEACH DRESSCUTting, hairwork, painting, and three branches of fancy woolwork for $10 this week. Call at once, 384 Wabash-av.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS RETOUCHER; NONE but those competent of doing fine work need apply. 141 South Halsted-st., up stairs.

WANTED—LADIES TO CANVASS AND SELL chromos, lady fasteners, Christmas and New Year's cards, etc. American Novelty Company, 186 State-st.

WANTED—A GIRL FOR VENTILATING, AT J. TATT'S West Side hair store, 272 West Madison.

WANTED—A YOUNG GIRL FOR STORE WORK and repairing kid gloves. Apply at 101 State-st.

WANTED—LADIES TO CANVASS THE CITY and country towns; send for terms and circulars. CARTER & STEWART, 230 West Washington-st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

Bookkeepers, Clerks, &c.

SITUATION WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS BOOKkeeper is open for an engagement at a moderate salary. S 50, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY AN EXPERT ACcountant; who is willing to work; will keep a set of books in first-class style, and attend to business generally. A 1 city references furnished. Address S 69, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MARRIED man as shipping or billing clerk in a wholesale house; has had four years' experience; good references given. Address BRIO, ARIENS, Davenport, Ia.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN (AGE 20) to work in store, office, or collecting; is honest, capable, and willing; best of references given. Address address D M, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—IN OFFICE OF AN ESTABlished business; can keep complete set of books and give good security. Address, with references, T 38, Tribune.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT, RELiable Swedish cook, with first-class references, in private American family. 276 Division-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK, washer, and ironer, or general housework in an English family. Call 2 days at 636 Indiana-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A SCOTCH WOMAN to cook, wash, and plain ironing in small American family. Call at 106 Wesson-st., basement.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT SWEDish girl to do general housework. Call at 158 South Park-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS GIRL to cook, wash, and iron, or general work. Please call at 1053 State-st., up-stairs. Reference if required.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL to do general housework or cooking. Call at 73 Twenty-ninth-st., near Cottage Grove-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A PARISIAN FRENCH girl to do second work or as nurse girl. Please call at 107 West Taylor-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A CANADIAN FRENCH woman to do general house work in a private family. 285 South Franklin-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL to cook, wash, and iron, or do general housework in small family. Call at the rear of 1404 Eighteenth-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE young girl to assist with housework or do second work. Please call at 705 Halsted-st., near Evans.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A GIRL TO DO LIGHT housework in a private family. Call or address 165 Maxwell-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL for second work in a first-class private family, South Side. Address V 33, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—TO COOK, WASH, AND iron or do general housework in a private family. South Side. Good references. Address V 37, Tribune.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COLored girl in a first-class family to cook, or cook, wash, and iron. Call Monday and Tuesday at 690 Wabash-av. No cards answered.

SITUATION WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH GIRL to do second work or sew; no objection to children. Call at the Kentucky Block, Room 31.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL in a small private family to do general housework. Please call at 93 Twenty-ninth-st., in the rear.

SITUATION WANTED—AS COOK OR TO DO GENeral housework. Address X 49, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—TO DO GENERAL HOUSEwork in laundry by person that can give good reference. Call at 416 Wabash-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT COOK, washer and iron, in a private family; good city reference. Apply at 1135 State-st.

SITUATION WANTED—AS COOK IN A PRIVATE family, or take charge of laundry. X 55, Tribune.

SITUATIONS WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS cook, and a first-class second girl. Apply at 125 South Clinton-st.

SITUATION WANTED—TO COOK, WASH AND iron, or do general housework; can give best of reference from last place. Call at 403 Cottage Grove.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK in a private family; a good washer and ironer; city or country; can furnish city references. 762 South State-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE young woman as cook, or would do the work of a small first-class family; no others need respond. Some years' reference. Please address V 94, Tribune.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

Bookkeepers, Clerks, &c.—Continued.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN WITH 5 reference and some money as clerk or collector. Address T 36, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—A THOROUGHLY PRACtical expert and accountant, with more than forty years' experience, offers his services to committees of investigation of railroad, bank, insurance, and manufacturing companies or mercantile firms. Address GEO. HOLBROOK, care Mears, Bates & Co.

SITUATION WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED AC5 countant offers his services to parties desirous of having their books correctly adjusted. Partnership settlements and disputed accounts satisfactorily arranged. Statements properly prepared for compromise or bankruptcy settlements; reference first-class; all communications strictly confidential. Address T 13, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN TO 5 write up a set of books, do collecting, or any kind of office work; could devote six or seven hours a day, and would work cheap; best of references. Address S 82, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN TO 5 learn the drug business. Address P. O. Box 388.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN OF 19 5 to work in grocery store; good reference. Address T 52, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—ON THE 1ST OF JANU5 ary, or sooner if required, by a competent and reliable party, as bookkeeper or cashier in a first-class house; references unexceptionable. Address X 15, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—IN RETAIL GROCERY AS 5 clerk; understand the business; can furnish horse for delivery. V 35, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—AS BOOKKEEPER OR 5 assistant, by thoroughly competent man at a small salary; good references. T 95, Tribune office.

Trades.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A WATCHMAKER 5 and engraver; one who understands his business; satisfactory reference given. Address P. O. Box 1,430, Rockford, Ill.

SITUATION WANTED—AS COOK BY A MAN 5 who understands broiling, roasting, etc. Lived in first-class houses in Europe. Address V 5, Tribune.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN AS 5 watchmaker; six years' experience; have my tools, and can furnish good reference. Address V 19, Tribune.

Conchmen, Teamsters, &c.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A GERMAN AS 5 coachman in a private family; is well acquainted in the city, and willing to work. Address T 8, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COACHMAN FULLY 5 competent, understands his business in every respect, with the best of references. Address X 31, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS 5 coachman. Best of references can be given by my last employers. Seven years' experience in this city. Address V 29, Tribune office.

SITUATIONS WANTED—BY MAN AND WIFE 5 (Danes); man as coachman; wife to do general housework; are willing and well experienced. To one in the country. Best of reference given. Address F 100, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—AS COACHMAN BY A 5 thoroughly competent and reliable man; first-class reference. V 59, Tribune office.

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SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS 5 coachman (Englishman) in a private family; thoroughly understands the horse and carriage, and is a good careful driver, and will make himself generally useful about a gentleman's place; can milk; first-class city references. Please address V 52, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—AS A COACHMAN, 10 5 years' experience; can give city reference. Address V 71, Tribune office.

Miscellaneous.

SITUATION WANTED—I WANT CHORES TO DO on South side, not too far from vicinity of Wabash-av. and Thirty-second-st.; will work cheap; have good references as to honesty, etc., and will do any kind of work. Address S 61, Tribune office, or call at 3rin in the rear, 543 Wabash-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A TRAVELING SALESman who has had many years' experience in the grocery line; controls good trade in Minnesota and Iowa. Best of references given. Address F 46, Tribune.

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SITUATION WANTED—BY AN INDUSTRIOUS 5 young colored man as janitor, porter, or valet to a gentleman; could take charge of a restaurant. Address for three days, T 34, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY YOUNG COLORED MAN 5 to do anything in private family or in office; can come recommended. W 65, Tribune office.

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SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG GERMAN 5 girl for general housework. Address 90 Front-st., first floor.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RELIABLE GIRL TO 5 do general housework or second work. Please call for two days at 1230 Indiana-av.

SITUATION WANTED—TO DO SECOND WORK OR 5 general housework in small family. Call for two days at 620 State-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A DANISH GIRL IN A 5 private family to do second work. Good references. Call Monday at 1858 Butterfield-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY GOOD COOK, WASHER 5 and ironer. Call at 282 West Madison-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RELIABLE PROT5 estant girl in private family as cook and laundress; permanent home required. City references.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE 5 girl to do kitchen work or general housework; best of references given. Address 347 Jefferson-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL FOR 5 general housework in a private family; prefer to go on the West Side. Please call for 2 days at 94 Vernon-av.

SITUATIONS WANTED—BY TWO GOOD GIRLS. 5 One as cook and the other to do second work or take care of children; can give references. Call for 2 days at 673 Wabash-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY SWEDISH GIRL TO DO 5 general housework. Apply at 110 Ontario-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY GOOD, COMPETENT 5 girl from the country to do general housework in private family. Call at Second-st. Wabash-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A NORWEGIAN GIRL 5 to do second work, or as nurse girl; reference given if wanted. Please call at 179 West Huron-st. Monday.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL 5 in a respectable family. Address, for interview, Please call to-day at 1053 Madison-st., near Campbell.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL 5 for second work, or taking care of children, or general housework in a small private family; good reference. Please call at 73 Ohio-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE 5 girl to do general housework, or cook, wash, and iron in a private family. Call at 10 Cottage Grove-av., near Twenty-second-st. Good reference.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN IN 5 small family, to do general housework. Please apply at 143 West Indiana-st., in basement.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT, RE5 liable Swedish cook, with first-class references, in private American family. 276 Division-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK, 5 washer, and ironer, or general housework in an English family. Call 2 days at 636 Indiana-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A SCOTCH WOMAN 5 to cook, wash, and plain ironing in small American family. Call at 106 Wesson-st., basement.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT SWED5 ish girl to do general housework. Call at 158 South Park-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS GIRL 5 to cook, wash, and iron, or general work. Please call at 1053 State-st., up-stairs. Reference if required.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL 5 to do general housework or cooking. Call at 73 Twenty-ninth-st., near Cottage Grove-av.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A PARISIAN FRENCH 5 girl to do second work or as nurse girl. Please call at 107 West Taylor-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A CANADIAN FRENCH 5 woman to do general house work in a private family. 285 South Franklin-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL 5 to cook, wash, and iron, or do general housework in small family. Call at the rear of 1404 Eighteenth-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE 5 young girl to assist with housework or do second work. Please call at 705 Halsted-st., near Evans.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A GIRL TO DO LIGHT 5 housework in a private family. Call or address 165 Maxwell-st.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL 5 for second work in a first-class private family, South Side. Address V 33, Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—TO COOK, WASH, AND 5 iron or do general housework in a private family. South Side. Good references. Address V 37, Tribune.

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South Side.

TO RENT—3-STORY BRICK HOUSE ON CALUMET-av., near Twenty-fifth-st., cheap. H. C. MOREY, 95 Clark-st.

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TO RENT—ONE OF THE MOST CONVENIENT houses on the North Side, and located south of Chicago-av., east of Dearborn-av. The house has all modern conveniences, dining-room on parlor-floor, kitchen in basement, gas-fixtures in every room, furnace, etc., etc. None but first-class tenants need apply. J. S. BREWER, 156 Lake-st.

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TO RENT—AN ELEGANTLY FURNISHED HOUSE on Dearborn-av; possession given immediately. Address T 64, Tribune office.

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Three-story and basement stone-front dwelling, 1820 Wabash-av.
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Two-story and basement brick, Langley-av. and Forty-first-st.
WEST SIDE.
Two-story and basement brick dwellings, 301 South Oakley-st. and 4 Campbell Park, $15.
Two-story and basement stone-front, 513 Carroll-av.
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Store, corner North-av. and Dickson-st.
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TO RENT—SIX NICE ROOMS, 935 WEST LAKE-st., $12. Room 64 Hesper Block.

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TO RENT—AT 115 NORTH PAULINA-ST., FIVE rooms; good order; $10 per month. Apply to owner, M. O'CALLAGHAN, 109 North Paulina-st.

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TO RENT—NEATLY FURNISHED FRONT ROOMS suitable for light housekeeping. 204 Silver-st.

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TO RENT—ROOM 75 METROPOLITAN BUILDING, northwest corner Randolph and LaSalle-sts. Apply to JAS. A. McMAHAN on the premises.

TO RENT—378 MICHIGAN-AV.—PLEASANT FUR-nished rooms, heated.

TO RENT—A NICELY FURNISHED FRONT ROOM in a private family. 429 Michigan-av.

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TO RENT—164 EAST MADISON-ST. (DE FOREST House)—two finely furnished front rooms; also nicely furnished side and rear rooms. Terms reasonable.

TO RENT—VERY CHEAP—PLEASANT FRONT rooms, nicely furnished, at 78 East Van Buren-st.

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TO RENT—279 MICHIGAN, A NICELY FURNISH-ed and well heated front parlor to one or two gentlemen; also side room on second floor; hot and cold water.

TO RENT—ROOMS IN BUILDING CORNER HAR-rison and state-sts. Apply to P. O'NEILL.

TO RENT—491 MICHIGAN-AV., LARGE FRONT alcove elegantly furnished; also two parlors and small room cheap, with free use of bathroom.

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North Side.

TO RENT—PARLOR FLOOR AND BASEMENT OF brick house; a very good 11-room brick, three rooms deep, east front; also a 14-room brick, walnut grained throughout; all near Lincoln Park and Lincoln-av. cars. CHARLES N. HALE, 153 Randolph-st.

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REAL ESTATE.

Moderate Amount of Business in the Loan Market.

Payments Falling Off---Effect of the Bank Failures.

Some Improvement in the Market for Real Estate.

Specimen Sales and Loans Made During Last Week.

In the real-estate loan market business the past week was quite good for the season and the times. The total amount negotiated aggregating nearly half a million dollars, placed at rates of interest ranging from 7 to 9 per cent, 8 per cent being the favorite figure. Interest continues steady. It would be to the advantage of all parties if a demand sprung up sufficient to cause a rise. Until this takes place, there is but little hope of any improvement in real estate generally. It is a good sign that interest has fallen no lower for the past two years. It is true the market is becalmed, has reached a dead level, but the anxious mariner knows intuitively that this state of things is only the precursor of a stiff breeze. The question is, Will the breeze be favorable or unfavorable? Payments are not up to the expectations of agents. The present month shows a slight falling off. Much money has been locked up in bank failures that was doubtless intended for clearing off real-estate loans. This accounts for the backwardness in settlements.

The following were

THE IMPORTANT LOANS

of the past week:

North Clark street, southwest corner of Ohio street, 21x100 feet, $16,424, five years at 7 per cent.

The block bounded on the east by the Lake Shore driveway, and on the north by North avenue, $20,000, five years at 7 per cent.

Randolph street, 100 feet north front, known as Nos. 74 to 82, $15,000, ten years at 8 per cent.

The Berkshire Life-Insurance Company loaned $8,000, five years, at 10 per cent, on 50x90 feet, at the northeast corner of Adams street and Fifth avenue.

No. 235 Wabash avenue, 25½x110 feet, was pledged to secure a loan of $15,000, five years at 7½ per cent.

Desplaines street, between School and Madison 28 feet, streets, east front, $10,000, five years at 9 per cent.

Sangamon street, southwest corner of Adams street, 50x125 feet, $7,000, five years at 8 per cent.

Nine lots at the southeast corner of Clybourn and Webster avenues, $50,000, two years at 8 per cent.

The packing-house and ground, Block 14, Parker's Subdivision, were pledged to secure $75,000, six months, at 8 per cent.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 15.

Instruments	1877. No.	1877. C'sideral'n	1876. No.	1876. C'sideral'n.
Trust-deeds Mortgages..	116 35	$ 415,959 75,888	121 34	$ 424,720 167,280
Aggregate..	151	$ 491,847	155	$ 592,000
Releases ...	129	.....	133	.....

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Trust-deeds Mortgages..	211 66	$ 1,781,528 137,886	282 65	$ 1,381,401 209,205
Aggregate..	277	$ 1,919,414	347	$ 1,590,606
Releases...	243	.....	299	.....

SALES OF THE WEEK.

Several important transfers were recorded the past week, showing that real estate is not quite quiescent. The business done was an improvement in comparison with several previous weeks. Inquiries are not very numerous; the movement is spasmodic, one fair week being generally followed by many dull ones, indicating that the market has put forth exertions beyond its strength, and is compelled to rest awhile.

T. B. Arnold sold to Dr. Anderson of Clinton, Ia., lot 100x125, with dwelling, northeast corner of Van Buren and Hermitage avenue, for $10,000; northeast corner of Halsted and Nineteenth streets to Mrs. Linz for $4,000; dwelling and lot 25x125, east front, on Wentworth avenue, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, to P. McNerney for $2,000; northeast corner of Monroe and Green streets to Mr. Chisdahl for $6,500.

The following were the important sales of city property:

Robert L. Rea sold to A. G. Bilby lot on Monroe street, 180 feet east of Clark street, north front, 25x198 feet; also, lot on Prairie avenue, 150 feet south of Twenty-fourth street, east front, 50x180 feet, for $40,000.

Robert L. Rea sold to Orrington Lunt Nos. 138 and 140 Wabash avenue, 40x180 feet, for $75,000.

Ferdinand Haas sold to E. S. Dreyer lot on West Randolph street, 118 feet east of Union street, north front, 20x152 feet, with building, for $10,000; and No. 384 North State street, 23½x131 feet, for $13,250.

Peter J. Brueck sold to C. E. Dethloff lot on Blue Island avenue, 204 feet southwest of Sixteenth street, northwest front, 24x100 feet, with building, for $8,000.

On West Madison street, 96 feet west of Honore street, north front, 24x125 feet, were sold for $10,000.

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On Michigan avenue, 48 feet south of South Water street, 82x181 feet, improved, for $18,000.

The Berkshire Life-insurance Company sold to the Third Presbyterian Church the St. John's Church property on Ashland avenue for $35,000.

L. B. Sidway sold to C. W. Clapp lot on Cottage Grove avenue, northeast corner of Forty-sixth street, west front, 148½x150 feet, with 50x178½ feet adjoining on Forty-sixth street, for $7,440.

No. 579 Michigan avenue, 21x172 feet, sold for $12,000.

John Raber sold to Christian Teufel 183x654 feet, fronting east on State street between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, for $12,000.

SATURDAY'S TRANSFERS.

The following instruments were filed for record Saturday, Dec. 15:

CITY PROPERTY.

South Dearborn st, 46 9-10 ft s of Seventy-first st, w f, 25x151 ft, dated Dec. 15 ..... $ 2,100

West Huron st, 75 ft w of Armour n f, and ¼ of 25x125 ft, dated Dec. 10.. 500

West Van Buren st, n e cor of Hermitage av, s f, 100x120 ft, dated Dec. 14 10,000

Twenty-third st, 150 6-10 ft e of Wabash av, s f, and 100 ft in rear, 43 4-10x40 ft, dated Dec. 8 1,000

Halsted st, n e cor Nineteenth st, w f, 25 x100 ft, dated Dec. 13 4,000

Kenzie st, 54 ft e of Pacific road, n e f, 24x100 ft, dated Nov. 24 1,600

Mohawk st, s w cor of Sophia st, w f, 73 x100 ft, improved, dated Dec. 1 (Robolphus White to the Lincoln Park Congregational Church) 13,000

Seeley st, 80 8-10 ft s of West Monroe st, 21 6-10x127 4-10 ft, improved, dated Dec. 3 4,400

Halsted st, s of and near Blackhawk st, w f, 52x125 ft, dated Dec. 15 2,000

West Polk st, n e cor of Morgan st, s f, 25x90 ft, dated Dec. 14 2,000

Leavitt st, bet Jackson and Van Buren sts, w f, 21¼x196 6-10 ft, improved, dated Dec. 13 5,000

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS, WITHIN A RADIUS OF SEVEN MILES OF THE COURT-HOUSE.

California av, n w cor of Forty-seventh st, w f, 473x125 ft, dated Dec. 14, 1876. $ 6,000

Washington st, s e cor of Fifty-third st, w f, 174x100 ft, with 122x100 ft near near the above, dated Dec. 14 4,000

SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK.

The following is the total amount of city and suburban transfers, within a radius of seven miles of the Court-House, filed for record during the week ending Saturday, Dec. 15: City sales, 67; consideration, $416,685. North of city limits, sales 1; consideration, $700. South of city limits, sales 15; consideration, $50,397. West of city limits, sales 1; consideration, $10,000. Total sales, 84. Total consideration, $488,782.

SUBURBAN PROPERTY

moved but slowly, and there are but few sales of consequence to note, none at all in those towns and villages which in past weeks attracted the attention of investors. The season is too far advanced to admit of any improvement. The few transfers of the past week afford no indication of values. Two lots at Cornell sold for $350; one lot at Dolton, $300; one lot at Western Springs, $300; one lot at Melrose, $100; four lots at South Chicago, $400; one lot at Jefferson, $500; and forty acres in Sec. 32, 41, 11, brought $6,000. Cheap lots in the city are more in favor at present with men of small means than country property.

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(First time in Chicago.)
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19,
Maillart's Brilliant Opera,
VILLARS' DRAGOONS.
(First time in Chicago.)
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FRA DIAVOLO.
(First time this season.)
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The Reigning Sensation of the Season,
CHIMES OF NORMANDY.
SATURDAY, Dec. 22,
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Matinee Prices—$1, 75c, and 50c, according to location.

McVICKER'S THEATRE.

LAST WEEK
OF
SIDONIE,
THE MARRIED FLIRT.
Is It a Moral or Immoral Play?
On the Immoral Side.
"An exhibition of moral deformity, compared with which the obscenities of Rabelais might be considered harmless."—*Tribune.*
"Not worthy of a representation on the boards of McVicker's Theatre."—*Times.*
On the Moral Side
SIDONIE is not native to France; we do not require to travel far to find her sowing her seeds of sorrow with as little scruple as her French sister; and surely the presentation of such a character upon the stage, so long as her vices are not deified, contains a wholesome lesson.—*Inter-Ocean.*
"Certainly a better lesson was never taught on the stage than is developed by the disgrace which overwhelms Sidonie for her career of selfishness and intrigue."—*Journal.*
"To those who are inclined to harp upon its immoral tendencies, there is but one argument applicable: these things are dark or light much in conformity to the moral elevation or depression of the observer. The dialogue throughout is pure and devoid of offense, and there is nothing that can shock or offend."—*Post.*
"There is no danger of any one being allured to sin by looking at the representation of "Sidonie"; vice is never attractive when its repulsive side is shown. . . It is gratifying to note, too, that increasing audiences show that our people are being aroused to the knowledge that Mr. McVICKER'S Company this year is capable of offering attractions worthy the attention of the whole community."—*Saturday Herald.*
What Some Reputable Citizens Say.
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Sunday afternoon and evening and every evening in the week. First appearance in Chicago of the World-Renowned New York Soubrette, MISS EMMA HARTHOLDT, and first appearance of the Unrivaled Tenor, Mr. HENRY PFANN, from New York. Also the popular Comic Singer, MR. JULIUS ERNEST. Largest Orchestrion in the World playing all day. Admission Free. Billiards and Shooting Gallery in the Basement.
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Elocutionist, assisted by others, will give a LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT at the Railroad Chapel, 727 State-st., Tuesday evening, Dec. 18.

AMUSEMENTS.

HAVERLY'S THEATRE.
(Late Adelphi.)
J. H. HAVERLY.....Proprietor and Manager.
COMMENCING MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 24.
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MR. HAVERLY takes great pleasure in announcing the fact of his having succeeded in completing arrangements with J. C. DUFF, of the Broadway Theatre, New York City, to transfer the entire production of Shakspeare's Sublime Tragedy and Gorgeous Spectacle,
ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA!
As produced at the Broadway Theatre, New York City, with the very distinguished and gifted artiste,
ROSE EYTINGE,
Who will appear in the role of CLEOPATRA, a character in which Miss Eytinge has already won repeated triumphs by her very charming realistic impersonation of this most fascinating of Queens.
The character is one to which Miss Eytinge is so peculiarly adapted, possessing as she does a remarkable degree of reserved dramatic power, together with a most brilliant and handsome personal appearance, two attributes essentially necessary for the proper rendition of the role.
A full and complete cast of characters specially selected will impersonate the different parts, the most prominent of which are:
Mr. GEO. C. BONIFACE,
Long and favorably known in this city, who will appear in the character of "MARC ANTONY,"
together with
MR. GUSTAVUS LEVICK,
MR. RINGOLD,
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JAMES TAYLOR,
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And the entire
Broadway Theatre Company
FROM NEW YORK.
A GRAND EGYPTIAN BALLET!
Under the direction of Signor Zaverinski, will appear in both the second and third acts, presenting the most original and characteristic dances. The very charming and fascinating premier danseuse,
BETTY RIGL,
(who has just returned to this country after an absence of three years in Europe), has been specially engaged, and will appear.
Entirely New and Beautiful Costumes,
Properties, and Accessories.
The Most Realistic Scenic Effects,
the entire scenery of the play having been transported from New York City for this production.
Grand and Imposing Marches, Tableaux, etc.
No expense has been spared by the management in the general arrangements and preparations for this production, which will be
MOST ELABORATE AND GORGEOUS
in every detail.
Antony and Cleopatra
will be presented for positively
ONE WEEK ONLY,
and will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.
Special Christmas Matinee
TUESDAY (CHRISTMAS) AFTERNOON AT 2 O'CLOCK, and at the
Regular Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.
SPECIAL.
Notwithstanding the really enormous expense attending this production, the management have decided to keep the prices at the following phenomenal low standard:
75c, 50c, 35c, 25c, and 15c.
What "The New York Herald" Says of "Antony and Cleopatra."
"As Cleopatra conquered Mark Antony, in the voluptuous story told with such an overflow of opulent language by Shakspeare, so did Miss Rose Eytinge, in the great robe of the Egyptian Queen, conquer the learned and fashionable audience last evening at the Broadway Theatre, where the drama was presented in the most creditable manner. Manager Duff made no idle boast when he said that we should see the jewel of a play appropriately mounted. There has been noticeably a commendable attention to detail that deserves especial mention, while the larger trappings of the scenes, and the roseate atmosphere of the narrative, have been faithfully preserved. Many of the pictures presented were charming glimpses of that sun-kissed land, where, in Cleopatra's time at least, to live was to love. Miss Eytinge's conception of the character is in accordance with the legendary idea, and is not marred by any new departures. She found evidently on reflection that the accepted Cleopatra would suit her better than any other, since she herself, with her somewhat Oriental beauty, plentitudinous form of curves, flashing eye, and stately tread, would nimbly fill the bill in all its particulars. Her acting was in keeping with her luxurious presence. The warm lines of the part, now glowing like a pearl with the softened light of love, now flashing with the fires of jealousies, came right regally from her lips. She is evidently at home in the character, and every speech, every pose shows that she has devoted a great deal of study to it, and that she intends to make it one of the prominent achievements of her professional career. In the more vivid passages Miss Eytinge is at her best, and frequently last night she carried the house by storm. Miss Betty Rigl, in the ballet, did some marvelously poetical dancing, and contributed her share to the erotic picture. The ballet itself is much better than the ordinary affair, is prettily dressed, and has evidently been rehearsed intelligently. All the glittering costumes, flashing armor, and other flamboyant properties have been selected judiciously, the *tout ensemble* being all that could be desired."
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SIX NIGHTS,
Beginning MONDAY, Dec. 24,
AND THREE MATINEES,
CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, and Saturday, at 2:30.

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Saturday Evening, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock.
ORIGINAL
Swedish Lady Quartet.
HILDA WIDERBERG.....First Soprano.
AMY AMBERG.....Second Soprano.
MARIA PETERSON.....First Alto.
WILHELMA SOEDERLUND...Second Alto.
Assisted by Messrs. C. N. ALLEN, Violinist; H. CLARENCE EDDY, Organist; and JOHN HOWARD, Pianist.
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Reserved Seats to either entertainment will be exchanged or sold at the Hall Box-Office after 12 o'clock Tuesday morning, Dec. 18. Only 50 Cents. Reserved Seats for Children to the Matinee, 25 Cents. First come, first served.

DR. JOHN LORD
Will give his farewell lecture in Chicago, on Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock, in the hall of the Historical Society, corner Dearborn-av. and Ontario-st. Subject: "Madame de Maintenon—The Reign of Woman in Society." Admission, 50 cents.

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19, 9 a. m.
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MONDAY, DEC. 17, AT 10 A. M.,
AT 519 WABASH-AV.,
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The entire contents of DRUG STORE, consisting of Elegant Marble Soda Fountain with Silver Trimmings, Marble-top Counters, Plated Show-Cases, Gas Fixtures, Prescription Counter, Shelving, Scales, Drug Mill, 500 Drug Bottles, Patent Medicines, Perfumes, Soap, Toilet Articles, Surgical Instruments, Brushes, Drugs, Cutlery, Stove, Clock, etc. The above must be sold, and comprises the entire stock and fixtures of one of the best drug stores on Wabash-av. Don't miss it.
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Elegant Decorated French China Dinner and Tea Sets,
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Immense stock of New and Elegant Parlor Suits, Chamber Sets, and all kinds of Furniture necessary to furnish a house,
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WE SHALL HOLD OUR
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On Monday Dec. 24, 1877, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Southeast corner of LaSalle and Adams-sts., I shall offer at public sale an Undivided half Interest in the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ and also an undivided half interest in East ½ of the Southwest ¼, all in Sec. 22 Township 39 North, Range 14 East, 3 p. m. Full information willingly furnished at my office, 10 Ashland Block. LESLIE CARTER, Assignee of HAMILTON B. BOGUE.

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